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OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST,

FROM 1735 TO 1788.

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INTRODUCTION.

There are signs, in various parts of the country, of an awakening interest in the publication of historical records. Their value for the purpose of history is becoming better appreciated, and the danger of their destruction or loss suggests measures for their permanent preservation. Every few weeks the papers bring news of the total or partial loss of valuable records. To anyone who knows the importance of these historical sources, such destruction cannot fail to be a matter of great regret.

The care and security with which our Amherst records are kept greatly reduce the dangers in their case; but, still further, the publication of local records makes them accessible to a greater number of persons, and at greater convenience, especially to non-residents. It would be well if the records of every town in the state could be published. Those already printed have proved to be of great value not only to the student of local history, but to those interested in the history of the State, in genealogy, in the modes of thought and the manners of our ancestors.

It has been thought desirable to print, at first in the columns of the RECORD and afterward in pamphlet form, the records of this place. This will include the records of Hadley Third Precinct from 1735 to 1753, (when the Second Precinct became South Hadley), of the new Second Precinct from 1754 to 1758, of the District of Amherst from 1759 to 1775 (legally it was a district until 1786) and of the town of Amherst from 1776 to February, 1788, the period at which Massachusetts began her life under the Federal Constitution. Beyond this point it is not at present intended to carry the publication.

It is needless to point out the importance of the Amherst records to town history, genealogy, and title-hunting; their usefulness, as a bit of material, to the growing school of historical students of local institutions is equally evident But anyone who takes even a general interest in past times will find much to engage his attention. From the point of view of language, for instance, he will notice from year to year the progress toward fixity of orthography; he will see, from their spelling, that the "rude forefathers of the hamlet" said *deestrict* and *inheabitants* and *lenth*, like the Yankees of to-day; he will notice the use, and sometimes the gradual disappearance, of words and expressions now obsolete.

A careful observer will also learn much of the character of the farmers of Amherst a century or more ago. Their uprightness and common sense, their respect for law, their scrupulous regard for the observances of religion, appear on nearly every page of the old record-book; but so also do their dilatoriness in managing town business, their closeness in money matters, and the narrow limitations of their lives. Of the Yankee humor we see little;

the annually-recurring joke about the hog-reeves seems to have been ever fresh. But, quite unconsciously, the "Inheabitants" are very amusing in the preference they exhibit for the schoolhouse near Landlord Warner's tavern (often called by other names) as the place to which to adjourn their meetings. Doubtless the meeting-house was cold; and doubtless Landlord Warner knew how to warm the chilled voters. It will be observed that the "fathers" had a great reverence for rank and position, that titles are at first given very sparingly, but that their number increases gradually until, after the Revolution, when the squires fell under suspicion and disfavor and a new set of men came forward, it is comparatively large. But the time when everyone was Esq. and everyone Mr. had not yet arrived.

Provision for schools is made perhaps as early as could be expected, provision for preaching earlier still; and throughout the years covered by these records the meeting-house is the center of the life of the town.

The life of the world without seldom appears in these pages. The French and Indian war passes almost without notice, and leaves scarcely a trace beyond a slight increase in the number of military titles. During the period of the Revolution, entries relating to public affairs are frequent and interesting; the troubles culminating in Shays' Rebellion appear in strong light. Subsequently, the annual records of elections serves to show the continuous connection of town and State; and throughout the half-century there are the troubles caused by the paper money of Colony and State, old tenor and new tenor, continental currency and the easily made counterfeits of it.

But, with few exceptions, these are local records. They exhibit little of larger political life, little of picturesque event; but surely they present a body of materials from which it is easy for the imagination to reconstruct the history and life of our predecessors. It is hoped that their publication may help to direct attention toward that history, and perhaps to encourage the publication of similar records elsewhere.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Bangs, the town clerk, for permission to transcribe the records, and to Mr. Carter, ex-town clerk, for occasional assistance.

RECORDS OF AMHERST,

FROM 1735 TO 1788.

A Warrant for the first Meeting in Hadley third Presint Anno Dom 1735

Hampshere ss. In persuance to the Request of several freholders of the third or East Precinct of Hadley for the Calling of a precinct Meeting—To Ebenezer Kellogg of sd precinct these are In his Majesties name to will and Require you forth with to notefy the free Holders and other Inhabetance of sd Precinct quallefyd for Voating in Town Meeting, that they Convean & meet to gethere at the House of Mr Zach'r Feild In sd Precinct on the Eaight day of October next at Eaight of ye Clock in the fore noone in order to Make Choyce of all nesessary Precinct offeeers: a Committie for the Calling of Precinct Meatings for the future and to do act or agree on what may be thought proper Respecting hireing a Menester Building a Meeting house and agreeing on a place to Set it in and in finding out what Lands may be Taxed for the Defraying Charges About the same Given under my hand and Seale this 22nd Day of September 1735

Elezer Porter Justis Peace

Hadley Sep'tr 23rd 1735 In Persuance of the above written wrorant thease are to Notefy all parsons of ye third precint of Hadley afore sd quallified as above sd to Conveane and meate to gether at the Time and place and on ye Ocation above said Given under my hand the Date above said september 23: 1735

Ebenezer Kellogg

At a Meeting Persuant to above written warrant October the Eaight 1735

Voted Samuel Hauley sen Moderator Voated John Nash Clark Voated John Ingram sen Sam'll Boultwood Sam'll Hauley Comm'y for Calling Precinct Meatings Voted Ebenezer Dickenson Aaron Smeth Jno Nash Assessors Voted Ebenezer Kellogg Collector Voted to Hiere a Menestor half a yeare

Voted that Jno Ingram Jr Jno Coles Nath'll Smith Com'te to hire a Minester Voted to Build a Meating House voted sd house forty five foot in Length: and thirty five in Bredth

Voted sd meating house to be Covered with quarter boards of Spruse. Voted also to Cover ye Roofe Spruce Shingles with out sap and twenty one Inches in Lenth. Voated to Set sd house upon the Hill East of Jno Nashs House in ye most Convenient place

Voted that Sam'll Boultwood Eben'r Dickinson John Cole Peletiah Smith Jno Ingram Jr a Commete to order ye Building ye Meating House

At a Meating Novemb'r the 25: 1735—Voted John Ingram sen'r Moderator—Voted that the former Vote Respecting seting of the Meating House upon the Hill East of John Nash House to be Revoaked also Voted that the Meating House be set in the most Convenient place neare the Hartling Stake so Called—Voted that John Ingram Sen'r Sam'll Boultwood John Nash Ebenezer Dickinson Aaron Smith

to be a Commety to Order ye Building ye meating House

Att a Meating December 25: 1735—Voted Ebenezer Dickinson Moderator: Voted to make Void a former Vote of seting ye Meating House att ye Hartling Stacke also Voted to Set it upon ye East End of Noah Smiths Lot—

At a Meating in March the 10: 1735—Voted John Nash Clark: Voted John Ingram sen Sam'll Boultwood Sam'll Hauley Commete to Call meatings Voted Ebenezer Dickinson John Nash Aaron Smith Assessors Voted Nath'll Smith Collector Voted to Rais fifteen pounds of money to be paid towards ye menisters Rate Voted yt the Remainder of sd Rate be paid out of ye Nonresedent Money and ye Remainder of sd Money to be Improved for ye Building of ye Meating House Voted that ye High way work be done by heads and Teams and yt a Team shall be Equal to a hand per day

SAM'LL HAULEY Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Septem'b ye 16th 1736 Voted 1 to Hire a Minister six months—Voted 2 Sam'll Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg to hire a Minister

SAM'LL HAULEY Modera'r

Att a Legal Meeting Jane'r ye 30 1736 Voated to give Ebenezer Kellogg five pounds to [go] to Salem to Collect Non Resident money also to pay said money out of the same

SAM'LL BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting March ye 17th 1737 Voated 1 John Nash Clark Voated 2 John Ingram Sam'll Boultwood Sam'll Hauley Committy to Call Meeting Voated 3 John Ingram Jr John Coles Solomon Boultwood Assessors Voated 4 John Nash Precinct Tresurer Voated 5 Jonathan Authorton Collector Voated 6 to Cover ye Meeting House

EBENEZER DICKCONSON Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting March ye 22 1737 Voated 1 to fram Raise & Cover ye Meeting House this year Ensuing Voated 2 Sam'll Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg Ebenezer Dickconson Jonathan Atharton Aaron Smith a Committy to se to ye Building ye Meeting House Voated 3 to do Highway work by heads

AARON SMITH (modera'r

Att a Legal Meeting April ye 13 1737 Voated 1 to give Mr David Parsons Jr a Call to settle in ye Ministry. Voated for his settelment to give him tow Lots of Land that was Granted heartofore by the town of Hadley for the Settlement of the Gospel in this Preceinct Voated 2 to give him Eaighty pounds ye first year & five pounds to be yearly added until it amounts to one Hundred Voated 3 also towards Building a Dwelling House to set him up a frame forty foots in Length in Breth twenty one foots & two Storys high and Cover sd House and Build ye Chimney & Cellor

JOHN INGRAM JR (Modera'r

Att a Legal Meeting on July ye 4: 1737 Voated 1 yt in order to Enable us to mak sum further offer to Mr Parsons for to Settle among us we will try to get more Lands for his Settlement

Voated 2 that John Nash & Ebenezer Dickconson should seek after sd Lands & Voated 3 that thay shall be paid for there pains

SAM'LL HAULEY (Moderater

Att a Legal Meeting Septem'r ye 20: 1737 Voated 1 to Give Mr David Parsons Jnr one Hundred and twenty Pounds sallery & for Settlement as was Voated heare to fore Voat'd 2 John Nash Aaron Smith Assessors for this yeare

EBENE'R DICKCONSON (Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Novem'br ye 22 1737 Voated 1 to hire a Minister for five Months Voated 2 to Give a Minister forty shillings a sabbath

Voated 3 John Nash Richard Chauncey a Committy to seek after a Minister

JOHN NASH (Moderator

Att a preceinct Meeting held March ye 16 1738 Voated 1 John Nash Clark for sd

Preceinct Voated 2 Ebenezer Dickinson John Cowls John Nash a Committe to Issu out worrants for Meetings

Voated 3 John Nash Preceinct Tresurer Voated 4 Ebenezer Dickconson John Cowls Stephen Smith Assessors Voated 5 pelitiah Smith Collector

Voated 6 sam'll Hauley Ebenezer Kellogg Ebenezer Dickconson Aaron Smith Jonathan Arthonton Committy to Build ye Meeting House

Voated 7 to do high way work by pools [i. e. polls] Voated 8 to give Josiah Chauncey teen shillings for going to Mr Barbar Voated to John Nash for servis done for ye preceinct & money paid out two pound five shillings Voated to Ebene'r Dickson for services one pound teen shillings

Voated to Aaron Smith fifteene shillings Voated to John Cowls for Keeping Mr Parsons hors five shillings

Voated to Jonathan Cowls for Keeping Mr Parsons upon the Sabbath Eaight Shillings

Voated to Moses Smith five shillings paid for ye precinct.

Voated to pay theas Bills out of ye non resident money

EBENE'R DICKINSON (Moderator

Att a Preceinct Meeting held November ye 14 1738 Voated 1 to Mak Void a former Voate of seting the Meeting house upon Noah Smiths Lot Voated 2 to set ye Meeting House upon ye Hill East of John Nashs house

JOHN NASH (Moderator

Att a Preceinct Meeting held Decem'b ye 15: 1738 Voated 1 to Raise Nineteene pounds for Thomas Temple for frameing ye Meeting house

Voated 2 to Ebenez'r Kellogg for Rum & Suger three pounds seventeen shillings Voated 3 to Raise one Hundred pounds for Mr David parsons for preaching the yeare past

Voated 4 yt Each head & teame be Improved to get fire wood for Mr Parsons

EBEN'R DICKINSON (Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held on ye 25 of Jenew'r 1738—9 Voated 1 that we will sell ye Lot granted to this preceinct in ye yeare 1738 Voated 2 Ebenezer Dickinson Jonathan Smith John Nash Doc'r Natha'll Smith & Solomon Boultwood a Committy to sell and Dispose of ye afore sd Lot in ye Behalf of ye afore sd Lot in behalf of ye afore sd preceinct and to Dispose ye affects of sd Lands as ye preceinct beare after se Best

And the Committy before Named are hearby Impowrd to Convey a title to ye afore sd Lot

JOHN COWLS (Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held in Hadley third preceinct March ye 14th 1738—9

Voated 1 John Nash Clark for ye yeare Ensuing Voated 2 John Nash preceinct Tresurer

Voated 3 Jonathan Smith Solom'o Boultwood Jona'n Cowls for a Committy to Issu out worrants for ye preceinct Meetings Voated 4 John Nash Ebenez'r Dickinson Aaron Smith for Assessors for ye yeare Ensuing: and to make ye Non resident tax that is still be hind Voated 5 Solomon Boultwood: Collector Voated yt John Nash Ebenezer Dickinson to get ye Ministers Lots Laide out Voted Solomon Boultwood John Nash Eben'r Dickinson David Smith John Cowls a Committy to order ye Building ye Meeting House

PELETIAH SMITH (Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting held in Hadley third preceint ye 29 of June 1739. Voated yt the present Committy for the Carrying on ye Building ye Meeting House Shall Dispose of ye first hundred and fifty pounds yt is and shall be paid by De'n Eleazor Matton as they think best

EBENE'R DICKINSON (Moderator

A Warrant for a preceinct Meeting Hadley Third preceinct June ye 7th 1739

This is to Notifi all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified According to Law to Voat in preceinct Meetings that they Convean together at ye Dwelling House of ye Wid'w Hannah Boultwoods in this preceinct on ye twenty sixth of this present June at one of the Clock of said day: then & thare to se what ye preceinct will do to settle Mr David Parsons Jn'r in ye Gospel Ministry in this preceinct & what may be thought Best towards Building a house for ye Minister: also how De'n Mattoons first Hundred & fifty pounds shall be disposd with all

Given under oure hands

SOLOMON BOULTWOOD } Committee
JONATHAN SMITH }

The meeting was opened & Ajoyrnd to ye fifth of July.

againe Adjoyrnd to ye 12th of July

A Worrant for a preceinct Meeting Hadley third preceinct September ye 22nd 1739

This is to Notifi all ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this preceinct Quallified according to Law to Voat in towne or preceinct Meetings that they Meet together at ye Dwelling House of Doc'r Natha'll Smiths in sd preceinct upon ye twenty eaith day of this Instant Septem'r at two of the Clock in ye after noone then & there to do what may be thought necisary for to Encorage Mr David Parsons in ye Work of ye Ministry in this place: and also to do what may be thought necisary in order to ordaine Mr Parsons

Given under oure hands

JONA'N SMITH } Committy
JONA'N COWLS }

Att a Legal Meeting in Hadley third preceinct apointed by them as ye Law Directs in shuch Cases on ye fifteenth day of June 1739: & after two Adjornments first to the fifth day of July: & then to the twelvth of July instant: they came to the following Voats:

Voated 1 to give Mr David Parsons Jun'r an Invitation to settle with us as oure Gospell Minister

For his Settlement:

Voated 1 to give him two Lots of Lands granted by the Town of Hadley for a Minister in this preceinct one lying in the Second Division the other in ye third Voated 2 for to give him one Hundred and Seventy five pounds of money towards Building his House

Attested

EBENE'R DICKINSON } Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting held by ye Inhabitants of Hadley third Preceinct Septem'br ye 28: 1739 as an Addition to oure former voats: for Mr David Parsons to Settle among us: to Enable him to Support in ye Work of the Ministry among us they came into ye following Voats

For his Salary

Voated 1 To pay him one hundred pounds ye first yeare and to make yearly Aditions as ye poles and Rateable Estates shall Encreass till ye salary Amounts to one hundred and sixty pounds (that is to say) those poles & Estates that are found in this precienct when ye last List was taken which was in Jannary 1738—9 shall pay ye hundred pounds—& ye Adition sixty pounds salary shall be livyed & raised upon ye Encrease of the polls and Estates in ye preceinct this Sixty pounds to be Gradually Augmented as ye poles & Estates shall gradually Encrese: this Salary we propose to pay in Province Bills of ye old Tenour or one third so much of ye New: which is to be ye onely fixed standard until the yeare 1741

Voated 2ly that after ye yeare 1741 ye Salary shall be paide in Money if any be passing or Some Comodity which shall be Equivalent to money upon the footing money now stands (that is to say) if the Country makes Good the Credit of Province Bills agreeable to promiss at the Rate of six shilling & Eaight pence new tennor for one ounce of silver or twenty

shillings old tennor the ounce: then the abovesd sums mentioned to be setteled by that standard; but if the Country fails of theire promiss of the Vallue of Money above sd then the salary to be setteled at ye Rate of twenty six shilling ye old tenor the ounce or a third part so much ye New; the tru Intente of this Voate is to set forth the Value of money as it now stands: & how it shall stand in all future payments Voated 3ly to Provide him all his firwood Voated 4thly to pay him his Salary Annually in ye Month of March

Attest ELEZER MATTUN } Moderator.

Hadley 3d Preceinct Septem'br ye 28th 1739 Complied with the Request of the Inhabitants of ye third preceinct in Hadley

P'r me DAVID PARSONS JN'R

At a Legal Meating held in Hadley third preceinct March ye 18th 1740 Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark for ye yeare Ensuing Voated 2 John Nash Ebene'r Dickinson Aaron Smith Assessors for ye preceinct & non resident taxes

Voated 3ly John Cowls preceinct treasurer Voated 4 Joseph Clary Collector

Voated 5 Richard Chauncey & Do'ct Natha'll Smith & David Smith a Commity to Issu out Warrants for preceinct meetings

Voated 6 yt ye former Commity to Build ye Meeting House to go on wt ye work

Voated 7 to do high way work by Poles

After Ajoyrnment to ye 19th of this Instant

Voated 1 to pass ye Bills of Charge of Building ye Meeting House with other preceinct Charges

Voated 2ly granted Ebener Dickinsons and John Cowls Bill for Making Rates Voated 3 to John Nash Eleven pounds for provideing for ye ordenation of Mr Parsons

Attest EBENE'R DICKINSON } Moderator

An acount of ye Standard of Raising ye Rev'd Mr Parsons rate.

Wharas in the agreement between the Rev'd Mr David Parsons and this Preceinct att ye time of his Settelment it was proposd that an adetion of sixty pounds shoold be made to his salery of one Hundred pounds which adetional sixty pounds was to be Levied & Raised yearly att proportion to ye Encreas of pools and Ratables as they ware then found in this Preceinct which was in ye yeare 1738 which was to be ye rule or Standard of Encreas

Therfor ye following is an acount of ye Number Quantity and Valuation of ye Pools & Ratabl Estats as they ware found & taken in ye yeare 1738

Which is to be ye onely Rule for ye Regulateing ye Avance of this Hundred pounds Salery tili it aMounts to one Hundred and Sixty pounds

Number of Pools 35 Each Valued at 1£ 5s 6d

Ratable Estats Vallud att 1101£ 10s 6d and one Shilling was Laid upon ye pound

Attest EBEN'R DICKINSON, JOHN COWLS } Assessors

At a Legal Meeting held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 16th 1741. Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark Voated 2 Jonath'n Smith Eben'r Dickinson John Cowls Assessors for this Preceinct Voated 3 John Cowls Preceinct Tresurar Voated 4 Ephraim Kellogg Collector: Voated 5 Natha'll Smith Richard Chauncey David Smith a Commity to give out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings Voated 6 Solomon Boultwood John Nash & Ebenezer Dickinson a Committy to proceed in finishing ye Meeting House so farr as thay think best Voated 7 that ye sd Committy Build a Pue for ye Ministers Wife and sd Pue whare ye Rev'd Mr David Parsons shall chuse: Voated (8) yt ye Standard for ye Raising the Rev'd Mr Parsons Rate for this Present yeare shall be att ye Rate of

twenty six shillings the ounce of silver ye old Tenner or one third so much ye New Voated 9 John Nash twenty shillings for Recording voats for time past Voated (10) to pay ye Rev'd Mr Parsons Rate upon or before ye teenth of March Annually

Attest JOHN COWLS Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct June ye 16th 1741:

Voated 1 to sell to Aaron Warner fifteen Rods in Breeth of ye High way Lying in ye second Division of Lands in this Preceinct Bounded upon Moses Warner south by Liberty from ye Town of Hadley

Voated 2 to Give thirty seven pound teen shillings of sd Money Due for above sd Lands to Jonathan Arthonton

Voated 3 to Dispose of ye Remainder of sd Money toward finishing ye Meeting House

Voated 4 yt John Nash & Ebenez'r Dickinson take security for ye abve sd Money

Attest EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Metting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 11th 1742: by ajurnment to ye House of Nath'll Smith in sd preceinct

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurer

Voated 3 John Nash: Ebenezer Dickinson Richard Chauncey Assessors

Voated 4 Joseph Hanley Collector

Voated 5 Aaron Smith Nath'll Smith Richard Chauncey to Ishue out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 6 yt ye Rev'd Mr Parsons Wood for this yeare shall be proportiond upon pools & Estates: and that one Load of wood shall be Valued at Eaight shillings

Voated 7 to do high way work by pools and Estates for this yeare

After Ajornment to ye 25th of this Instant to the Meeting house

Voated 1 An aquittance to John Nash as to ye Disposal of De'n Eleazor Mattons Bond of 300 pounds

Voated 2 to Make a tax or Rate to Answar all the preceinct Debts now Due: Voated (3) yt ye Assessors take a List and Make this Above granted tax—

Attested EBENE'R KELLOGG Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley 3d preceinct November ye 16th 1742—

Voated 1 to provid for ye Rev'd Mr Parsons sixty Loads of fire wood for this yeare

Voated 2 yt ye Rev'd Mr Parsons Rate to be Made by ye same List yt is to be taken to keep his wood

Voated 3 John Nash Ebene'r Dickinson to observe ye Loads of Wood

Attested SOLOMON BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 21: 1743: opend & Ajornd to ye 25th of this Instant to ye Meeting Hous att teen of ye Clock of sd day

After Ajornement said Meeting held upon ye 25th of sd March and Voated as follows—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for ye yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 De Elezer Mattoon: Ebene'r Kellogg: John Cowls Assessors

Voated 4 Aaron Smith Nath'll Smith Richard Chancey a Committy to Issue out warrants for preceint Meetings

Voated 5 that ye Assessors shall go and Viue ye Ratable Lands in this Preceinct to Enable them to make a Just Valuation.

Voated 6 yt High way work shall be Brought into a Rate

Voated 7 to Provid 70 Loads of wood for ye Rev'd Mr Parsons also to rais sd wood by a Rate

Voated 8 to Build a pound and to set sd pound upon or near the midle High way in ye First Division in ye most Convenient place

Voated 9 that Solomon Boultwood & De Eben'r Dickinson order the Building sd pound

Voated 10 to provide fastening for ye Meeting Hous Dors and to secure ye windows: Voated 11 that Solomon Boultwood & Westwood Cook see yt sd work be done

Voated 12 to give Aaron Wornar thirty shillings to sweep the Meeting Hons and to give a Signe when to go to Meeting for one yeare

Voated 13 Jonath'n Moodey Collector

Attest AARON SMITH Modera'r

Hadley Third Preceinct Decem'r ye 21 1743 In a Legal Meeting being opend & Ajornd to De John Nashes House Voated to add teen Loads of wood to the Seventy Voated in the Spring past for the Rev'd Mr Parsons Each Load to be set at Eaight Shillings

Voated 2 that all the Bills then Broughting [brought in] to be alowed

Attest EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting Held upon the second Fryday in March 1743—4

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 Peletiah Smith De Nath'll Smith Richard Chauncey Committy to Issu out warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 3 Lt Jonathan Smith De John Nash Peletiah Smith Assessors

Voated 4 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar—

Voated 5 High way work to be brought into a Rate—

Voated 6 to Bring ye Geting of ye R'd Mr Parsons wood into a rate

Voated 7 to provide Mr Parsons Eaighty Loads of wood for this year and that Each Load to be Vallued at 8 Shillings

Voated 8 to Lt Jona'n Smith De Elezo Mattoon John Nash to Vew ye Loads

Voated 9 to give De Nath'll Smith teen shillings ould tennor to sweep ye Meeting House this yeare

Voated 10 to give Jonath'n Nash twenty Eaight Shillings old tenor to sound ye Signal

Attest EBENE'R KELLOGG Moderator

At a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Nove'r the 3d 1744

Voated 1 to Leave it whith ye present Assessors to state the Money for ye Raising ye Rev'd Mr Parsons Sallary for this present yeare (Voated) 2d to Build two pues in ye Meeting House: one upon the womans side upon ye North West Corner and one upon ye North End upon ye Mens side: also to finish ye outside of sd House

Voated 3 De John Nash De Ebener Dickinson to se sd work is done

Voated 4 Libarty to sum particular parsons to Build pues upon thare one Charg in those places as the preceinct [? may approve] sd parsons giving up sd pues to ye Disposal of ye preceinct upon thare Demand sd preceinct paying ye cost of sd pues

Voated 5 to Build a pound: and that sd pound shall be thirty feet square (Voated) 6 De Ebenez'r Dickinson & Westwood Cook to Build sd pound

Voated 7 that Lt Jona'n Smith De Ebene'r Dickinson John Cowls John Nash: a Commity to agree or Let out to men places for pues

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Decem'r the 11th 1744

Voated 1 to Revoak all ye formar [voats] respecting ye Building two pues: or Letting particular parsons Build pues

Voated 2 to Build all ye pues Round ye Sids of ye meeting House

Voated 3 Lt Jona'n Smith Solom'n Boultwood De Ebene'r Dickinson John Nash En's Ebene'r Kellogg John Cowls a Committee to see said work affected

Voated 4 and past ye Bills of preceinct Debts then Brought

Att JOHN NASH Moderator

att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held March ye 19th 1745

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 Ens'n Ebene'r Kellogg: John Cowls De Ebene'r Dickinson Assessors

Voated 4: Joseph Hauley Westwood Cook Aaron Warner a Committy to Give out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 to Answar High way work by a Rate this yeare—

Voated 6 to Provide Eighty Loads of wood for ye R'vd Mr Parsons

Voated 7 to Rais forty Pounds of Money old tennor to Provide sd wood

Voated 8 to Give thirty shillings to Give ye signel when to meet upon ye sabbaths and Lecturs for this yeare

Voated 9 that John Nash se yt ye Meeting House be swept this yeare

Voated 10ly That John Nash En's Eben'r Kellogg John Cowls make up acompts wt ye Tresurar Ebene'r Dickinson of the preceinct Rat[e]s that are not Cleard up: and Mak a Returne to ye Preceinct

Attes't EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in ye third Preceinct of Hadley Held March ye 18 1746

Voated 1 Peletiah Smith Moderator

Voated 2 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this year

Voated 3 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this year

Voated 4 Westwood Cook Joseph Hauley Aaron Warner a Committy to Issue out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 Lt Jona'n Smith John Nash De Nath'll Smith Assessors

Voated 6 to Give John Nash forty shillings to sound ye Kunk for this yeare

Voated 7 to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons but thirty three shillings upon the Ounce for his sallary this yeare—

Voated 8 to Petition ye General Cort for a tax upon the Nonresedent Propriators Lands Lying in this third Preceinct

Voated 9 Lt Jona'n Smith De Ebene'r Dickinson John Nash Lt Ebene'r Kellogg a Committy to advise and Promote ye so Petitioning

Attest PELETIAH SMITH Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct April ye 21: 1746

Voated 1 to Revoak a [voat] taken att Meeting Held March ye 18th 1746 to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons but thirty shillings ye ounce for his Sallary.

Voated 2ly to Give ye Rv'd Mr Parsons thirty five shillings ye ounce

Attest NATH'LL SMITH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held att ye Meeting House Novem'br ye 3d 1746

Voated 1 to aLow ye Debts of ye Preceinct as they stand in ye Bills

Voated 2 that ye Present Assessors and Lt Ebene'r Kellogg and Peletiah Smith a Committy to agree wt ye Rv'd Mr Parsons how money shall be Valued In order to Raise his sallary this yeare

Voated 4 to Build a pound Voated 5ly yt De Ebene'r Dickinson and Moses Worner build sd pound

Voated 6 to Raise ye Rv'd Mr Parsons wood this yeare as it was ye Last yeare

Voated 7 that Lt Jona'n Smith John Nash De Eben'r Dickinson: In ye Behalf of this Preceinct do Give Aaron Worner for this Preceinct security of High way Granted to this Preceinct to sell to sd Aaron Worner

Att't EBEN'R KELLOGG Moderator

At a Precenct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 16th 1747 after chois of a Moderator Voated as follows

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 Dn Ebenez'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 Nehamiah Strong De Ebenez'r Dickinson Nath'll Coleman assessors for this present yeare

Voated 4ly David Nash John Field Alexand'r Porter a Comitty to Ishue out Warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Attested by EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Decem'br ye 2d 1747 After Choise of a Moderator they Voated as follows

Voated 1 grant Eaight shillings a day for a hand: and for a Team a Day

Voated 2 to grant seven shillings Pr Day for a hand and also seven shillings Pr Day for a team

Voated 3 the Assessors Eaight shilling Pr Day

Voated 4 Lt Jona'n Smith John Nash Richard Chancey: Solomon Boultwood Nehamiah Strong De'n Eben'r Dickinson Nath'll Coleman: a Commity to Agree with the Rev'd Mr Parsons how his sallery shall be this yeare

Voated 5 to Give De Ebenez'r Dickinson 36£ to provide the Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for this present yeare Beginning the sixteenth of this present Month

Attested by EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley third Preceinct March ye 15th: 1748: After ye Choise of a Moderator they Came into the Following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 Lt Jona'n Smith John Nash De Ebene'r Dickinson Assesors

Voated 4 Ephraim Kellogg Eben'r Mattoon Sam'll Ingram a Committy to Ishu out warrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 to Give De Nath'll Smith five shillings adition for sweeping the Meeting House for this yeare past

Voated 6 to alow pay for ye work Done att ye East End of Jona'n Dickinsons Lot the yeare past

Attested by JONA'N COWLS Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct Novem'r ye 16th 1748: after ye Choise of a Moderator they Came Into the folowing Voats

Voated 1 to Give Nehamiah Strong 51£ to Provid firewood for the Rev'd Mr Parsons for the yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 to Raise one Hundred pounds of Money to be Improvd toward Building Pues in ye Meeting House

Voated 3 Lt Jona'n Smith Solomon Boultwood Eben'r Kellogg De Eben'r Dickinson John Nash a Commity to see ye sd work Done

SOLOMON BOULTWOOD Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Janaw'r ye 27th 1748 After Choise of a Moderator they Came Into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Build a pound: also to Build sd pound thirty one feet and one half square: and to Make three Lengths Each side

Voated 2 to set sd Pound In the street Joining upon John Nashs North Fence

Voated 3ly Solomon Boultwood Eben'r Dickinson John Nash to Build sd Pound

Voated 4 Lt Jona'n Smith De Eben'r Dickinson John Nash a Commety to agree with ye Rev'd Mr Parsons what his sallary shall be for this Present yeare

Voated 6 to Make this tax by the Last List

Attested by me JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held March ye 13th 1749

After the Choies of a Moderator they Came Into ye following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 John Nash Moses Smith Joseph Eastman Assessors for this yeer

Voated 4 Jona'n Nash Semeon Clark Daniell Kellogg a Committy to Issu out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated 5 that the Present Assessors agree wt the Rev'd Mr Parsons: what his sallary shall be this yeare

Voated 6 that John Nash Eben'r Dickinson Nath'll a Committy to Hire three scool Dames for three or four Months In the Summer Seson to Larne Children to Read: sd Scools to be In the Most Convenient Places In the Preceinct

Voated 7 Neham'h Strong: Lt Eben'r Kellogg a Committy to Hire sutable Parsons to Blow ye Kunk & sweep ye Meeting Hous for this yeare

Attested By EBEN'R KELLOGG Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meating Held In Hadley third Preceinct Agust ye 3d 1749 After ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came Into the following Voats

Voated 1 to seate ye Meeting House: and to seate ye Males together and Femals to Gether Except ye two pues next ye East End the Pulpit

Voated 2 that the seators are Guided by the following Ruels—that is to say: by Age: Estate & Qallifications: and for Estates to be Guided by the Last years List

Voated 3 to Make Choise of five meat Parsons to seat ye Meeting House

Attested by EBENE'R DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Preceinct Meeting Held Agust ye 25th 1749—After they Mad Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Make Choise of five meat parsons to seat ye Meating House

Voated 2 to Leave the Deaming the seats with the seators

Voated 3

Lt Jona'n Smith
Solomon Boultwood
John Nash
De Ebene'r Dickinson
Lt Ebene'r Kellogg
} Committy to seat the Meeting House

Attested by

EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att A Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held In Hadley third Preceinct October 1749: After they Mad Choise of a Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to Provide ye Rev'd Mr Persons Ninty Loads of fire wood for this Present yeare—

Voated 2 to Raise one Hundred twenty two pounds teen shillings to procure ye Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for this yeare

Voated 3 Mr Sam'll Hauley Lt Jona'n Smith Richard Chancey a Committy to Vieu ye Loads of wood

Attested by

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Jana'r ye 18th 1749—50

After ye Choise of De Ebene'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash: Moses Smith Joseph Eastman a Committy to agree with the Rev'd Mr Parsons what his sallery shall be the yeare past.

Voated 2 to Build a Pound

Voated 3 to Give Ebene'r Mattoon Nine teen pound teen shillings to Build sd Pound: as follows: to Build it thirty one feet and one half square three Length on Each Side and six Rails In Each Length & a cap peace upon ye top: temented upon Each post & ye Posts Set Neare three feet in the Ground & to find Iron Hangings & to finish sd pound workman Like

Voated 4 to seat the Meeting House A Nue

Voated 5 that Lt Jona'n Smith Solomon Boultwood John Nash Lt Ebene'r Kellogg De Eben'r Dickinson Nehamiah Strong Moses Smith John Dickinson Joseph Eastman a Committy to seat ye Meeting House

Voated 6 that the seaters Make it thare Rule In seating: by Estates Age & Qualifications

Attest EBENE'R DICKINSON } Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 12th 1750 they Came into the following Voats after the Choise of De Ebenz'r Dickinson Moderator

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this Present yeare

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 Capt Jona'n Smith De Eben'r Dickinson John Dickinson Assessors for this Preceinct for this present yeare

Voated 4 Alexan'r Smith Jona'n Edwards Moses Cook a Committy to Issu out warrants for preceinct Meetings this yeare

Voated 5 to add to ye Re'd Mr Parsons sallery which was made att fifty seven shillings & Eaight pence the ounce to three pound ye ounce this yeare

Voated 6 to Give Neha'm Strong two pounds fifteen shillings to Blow the Kunk for this yeare

Voated 7 John Nash Richard Chancey a Committy to agree with some parson to sweep ye Meeting House

Attes't EBEN'R DICKINSON Moder'd

Att a Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held in Hadley third preceinct Novem'r ye 15th 1750 after ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into ye Following Voats—

Voated 1 to Raise thirteen pounds teen shillings Lawfull Money to procure ye Re'd Mr Parsons fire wood for the yeare Ensuing

Voated 2 that any Parson shall have Libarty to pay his parportion of above sd thirteen pounds teen shillings in wood att three shillings pr Load att ye Judgment of a Committy for that purpus

Voated 3 to provide Glass to Mend ye Meeting house windows

Voated 4 that John Nash Lt Eben'r Kellogg Moses Smith a Comm'ty to Judg the Loads of wood—

Voated 5 that John Nash De Eben'r Dickinson provide ye Glass for ye Meeting house & put it up

Atte't EBENE'R DICKINSON Modera'r

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third prec'nt March ye 28th 1751: After ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this present yeare

Voated 2 Alexan'dr Smith & David Nash William Boultwood a Commi'ty to Issu out warrants: for preceinct Meetings

Voated 3 De Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 4 John Nash Ebene'r Dickinson Nath'll Coleman Assessors for this Present yeare

Voated 5 to Raise fifteene pounds Lawful Money to procure the Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for the yeare Ensuing & that Each Good Load shall be Vallued att three shillings

Voated 6 John Nash Solomon Boultwood De Ebene'r Dickinson a Comm'tt to prise ye Loads of sd wood

Voated 7 to Give Richard Chancey one pound fifteen shillings to sweep ye Meeting House ye yeare Ensuing—

Voated 8 to Give John Nash Jn foure pounds old tennor to Blow the Kunk ye yeare Ensuing

Attes't EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held In Hadley third Preceinct Decem'ber ye 2 1751: After the Choise of John Nash Moderatore they Came into ye following Voats

Voated 1 to Mak the Rev'd Mr Parsons Rate: & ye wood Rate by the same List to be Taken this Instant Decem'br also that sd Rate to be Made twnty five pounds biger than to Answare ye Rev'd Mr Parsons sallary: & that sd twnty five pounds to [be] Loged In the Tresurers offis to Answar the Debts of this preceinct for this yeare

Voated 2 to finish ye Meeting House this yeare Ensuing

Voated 3 that Capt Jona'n Smith & De Eben'r Dickinson John Nash Lt Eben'r Kellogg: Joseph Eastman a Committy to provide ye Matter and to se sd House finished

Voated 4 that De Eben'r Dickinson preceinct Tresurar see and git a Bond for the Money Du to this preceinct for ye Equiveland sold by ye townd of Hadley

Attes't JOHN NASH Moderator

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March ye 9th 1752 they Came into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark for this present yeare

Voated 2 Dea Eben'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 Capt Jona'n Smith De'n Eben'r Dickinson Lt Eben'r Kellogg Assesors for this preceinct for this yeare

Voated 4 Nath'll Dickinson Eben'r Kellogg Jacob Worner to serve a[s] Committy to Issu out Worrants for Preceinct Meetings

Voated [5] to alow John Nash Jn teen shillings & Eaight pence to Give ye signal upon ye sabbath for this yeare

Voated 6 to Raise fifteene pounds to provide ye Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for ye Ensuing yeare: & that a Load shall be valued att three shillings

Voated 7ly that John Nash Dea Eben'r Dickinson Lt Eben'r Kellogg a Committy to Vallu ye Loads of wood & also to appoint one Day or More to Bring sd wood—

Voated 8 that De'n Eben'r Dickinson to treat with ye Owers and se if he Can Get ye Money Due to this preceinct upon Bond

Attest EBEN'R DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct [Meeting] Held In Hadley third Preceinct April ye 9th 1752 they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 that ye first thirty pounds that was Granted to this preceinct for scooling be Improved to hire a scool Master att ye fall of ye yeare

Voated 2 that the other therty pounds Granted ye Last Jana'r by the Town to be Improvd to hire Scoole Dames In the Summer

Voated 3ly that John Nash Mr Solomon Boultwood Richard Chancey En's Josiah Chancey Joseph Eastman John Field Moses Smith Nath'll Coleman & John Dickinson to Hire Scooling and order whare sd scoole shall be keept

Voated 4 that De Eben'r Dickinson to Receive ye first thirty pounds above Mentioned & to Let it out to Interest & take Bond for sd Money upon Demand

Attest EBEN'R KELLOGG Moderater

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct March the 21 1753—

After they made Chois of De Ebenez'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voted 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Ebene'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voted 3 John Nash Alexand'r Smith Elisha Ingram Assessors for the yeare Ensuing

Voted 4 Selneon Dickinson Solomon Boultwood Jn & John Nash Jn: a Committy to Issu out warrants: & warn preceinct Meetings: for the yeare Ensuing

Voted 5 to Raise fifteene pounds Lawfull Money to provide the Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for ye present year

Voated 6 to alow three shillings a Load Lawfull Money

Voted 7 John Nash Jona'n Dickinson Moses Smith a Commity to Vallu ye Loads of wood

Voted 8ly Capt Jonath'n Smith John Nash Jonath'n Dickinson a Commity to take advice of sum Gentelmen Concerning the Lands sequestred for High ways In this preceinct

Voted 9 to Hire foure Bulls In this preceinct & that the present Assessors to Hire sd Bulls for ye use of this preceinct for ye space of one yeare

Voted 10 Semeon Clark & Aaron Worner a Committy to Hire sum parson or parsons to Give the Signal upon the sab-

bath: & to sweep the Meeting House for this present yeare

Attest EBENE'R DICKINSON Modera'r

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct Jenew'r ye 23: 1753 after they Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came Into ye following Votes—

Voted 1 to Raise teen pounds Lawfull Money to Answer the matter that is provided for finishing the Meeting House & for midlin Bords 8 pound thousan

Voated 2 that ye Bills of charge that was then Brought In at this Meating was alowed & past

Voted 3 that John Nash & De Eben'r Dickinson: a Committy to Examin ye state & take advice Concerning the High ways in this preceinct

Voted 4 to Raise foure pounds Lawfull Money to promote scooling in this place

Voted 5 to Ajorn this Meeting to fifth of Febrewary next

Sd Ajornment not attended

Attes't JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held In Hadley third Preceinct July ye 5th 1753 they Came into ye following Voats after ye Choise of De Eben'r Dickinson Moderator

Voted 1 that the Committy Made Choise of the Last March Meeting that they proceed & take advice of sum Gentelmen Concerning ye Lands that was sequestered for Highways in this preceinct by ye town of Hadley & act In that affaire according to thare best Judgment for the Interest of this preceinct

Voted 2 yt the foure pounds yt was Granted by this preceinct for scooling & ye twenty pounds Granted by ye townd of Hadley for ye same purpos be Disposed to provid three scools In this preceinct Equaly Devided according to ye number of scollors

Voted 3 Ens Josiah Chancey John Field Joseph Eastman a Committy to provide a scool in ye North part of this preceinct In ye Most Convenient place.

Voted 4 that Semeon Clark David Nash & Aaron Worner provid scooling in ye Most Convenient place In ye Midele of this preceinct

Voted 5 that Moses Smith John Dickinson & Alexander Smith a Committy to provid scooling att ye South part of this preceinct

Voted 6 to seat the Meeting House In this preceinct

After Ajornment to ye 9th of Agust they Came to the following Voats—

Voted 1 to Make foure pues In ye Meeting House whare the Hind seats are and to Move ye other seats forward to make more rome for sd pues

Voted 2 that Ens Josiah Chancey John Field & David Nash a Committy to provid matter & to Build sd pues

Voted 3 that Capt Jonath'n Smith John Nash De Ebenez'r Dickinson Richard Chancey Jonath'n Moodey Nath'll Coleman John Dickinson a Committy to seat the Meeting House

Voted 4 that these Ruels in seating be by mens age Estats & Quallifications

Attested by EBENEZ DICKINSON Moderator

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held Jenewary 30th 1754 After they Made Choise of De Ebene'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voted 1 to Devide the Money Belonging to this preceinct for the Equevelant Lands sold by Hadley Town to be Divided by a List—which the townd mad for a Rule to Divide it to Each preceinct

Voated 2 to add to the Rev'd Mr David Parsons salery for this yeare Ninty two pounds teen shillings old tennor

Voated 3 Moses Smith a Committy man with John Nash and Lt Ebene'r Kellogg to Examin the Tresurar of this preceinct Concerning preceinct Debts that are yet behind

Voated 4 that Jona'n Cowls Joseph

Eastman John Field Jona'n Dickinson seators with those that was Chosen Before

Attest EBENE'R DICKINSON Modera'r

Att A Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley second preceinct March ye 22d 1754 After they Had Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came Into the following Voats—

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Eben'r Dickinson preceinct Tresurar for this yeare

Voated 3 De Ebene'r Dickinson De Nath'll Smith Nath'll Coleman Assesors for this preceinct

Voated 4 to Rais fourteen pounds Lawfull money to procure the Rev'd Mr parsons firewood for this yeare

Voated 5 that peletiah Smith Jr & Noah Dickinson Eben'r Dickinson a Committy to Issu out warrants for preceinct Meetings that any parson that shall bring a good Load of wood to Mr parsons shall be aLowed three shillings towards his proportion In the above fifteen pounds

Voated 6 that Mr Solomon Boultwood Nehamiah Strong Jonathan Dickinson a Committy to vew the Loads of wood

Voated 7 to Raise foure pounds Lawfull money to provide Scooling

Voated 8 that Joseph Eastman John Field Moses Warner Jonathan Nash John Dickinson Peter Smith a Committy to Provide Scooling Equally in all parts of this preceinct as they Can: so far as the foure pounds above Granted and what may be Granted this yeare by the towrd for Scooling in this preceinct

Voated 9 to Raise thirty two pounds old tennor to Hire Bulls for the servis of this preceinct for this yeare and that the Assessors Hire Bulls as they think most Convenient for all parts of the place so far as the above thirty two pounds shall Hire

Voated 10 that Ebene'r Dickinson John Nash Jr Noah Dickinson & Joseph Church have Liberty to Build a pne whare the two hind seats are in the front Galery on the mens side upon thare own Charge

Voated 11 that the Late Seators of the Meeting House to Consider if they Can Resonably make any alteration in seating the Meeting House

Voated 12 that the Late Committy Chosen to se about the High ways that they proceed according as they think Best upon the preceinct Charge

Voated 13 that the [y] Grant Caleb Bartlet seven pounds old tennor to Give the Signal and sweep the Meeting House for this year past

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

thus far the Recording voats answard

At A Legal Preceinct Meeting held in Hadley Second Preceinct Decem'r ye 13th 1754

After they Had made Choise of De Ebenezor Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voted 1 to add to the Rev'd Mr David Parsons Sollary for this yeare ninty two pound teen shillings old tennor

Voted 2 that De Nath'll Smith & Joseph Church provide Glass and put it up whare any is wanting in the Meeting House upon the preceinct Charg

Voated 3 that the Assessors Mak a Rate to Raise Money to Defry the Charges as the Bills ware now passed

Attest EBEN'R DICKINSON Moder'r

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting Held in Hadley Second Preceinct March the 24th 1754 [1755]

After they Mad Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voated 2 De Ebenez'r Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3 John Nash Jona'n Dickinson Peter Smith assessors for this yeare

Voated 4 that the present Assessors be a Committy to take Care of the prudentials of this preceinct

Voated 5 to Raise fourteen pounds Lawfull Money to procure the Rev'd Mr David Parsons fire wood: and that Each good Load of wood shall be Vallued att three shillings Lawfull Money

Voated 6 that Solomon Boultwood Jona'n Dickinson: John Nash a Committy to vallu the Loads of wood

Voated 7 that the Committy Last Chosen to seat the Meeting House that they Make sum alterations: as to provide seats for sum new Cummors—

Voated 8 that oure anuel March Meating be held upon the second Munday anually upon said month

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

At a Legal Preceinct Meating held in Hadley second preceint Janawr ye 12th 1756 after they made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 to Grant the Rev'd Mr David Parsons thirteen pounds six shillings & eaight pence addetion to his sollery for this present yeare

Voated 2ly that the Seaters Last made Choise of that they Make sum alterration whare sd seators think proper

Attest JOHN NASH Mode'r

Att A Legal Preceinct Meating held in Hadley second preceinct March ye Eaight 1756—

After they made Choise of De Ebenezr Dickinson Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 John Nash preceinct Clark for this yeare

Voated 2ly De Ebenez'r Dickinson preceinct Tresurar

Voated 3ly De Ebenez'r Dickinson Jonathan Moodey Jonathan Edwards Assessors for this yeare

Voated 4ly that the Assessors now mad Choise of be a committy to take Care of the prudenshall of this preceinct

Voated 5ly to Raise fifteen pounds Lawfull Money to procure the fire wood for the Rev'd Mr Parsons for the next yeare

Voated 6 that a good Load of wood Shall be Vallued att three shillings

Voated 7ly that the Assessors now Chosen be a commity to Vallue the Loads of wood

Attest EBENE'R DICKIN'N Moderator

Att a Legal Preceinct Meating Held In Hadley Second Preceinct Janew'r the 10th 1757 After they made Choise of John Nash Modera'r they came into the following Voats

Voated 1 that the Debts as they have been considered and have been past and the assessors are Directed to make a Rate to answer said Debts

Voated 2 to add to the Rev'd Mr David Parsons Sollery for this year that is to his original Sollery fifteen pounds Lawfull money

Attest JOHN NASH Modera'r

Att a Legal Preceinct Meeting held in this precenct March ye 14th 1757

Attere they had made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voat 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Att a Legal Preceinct meating held in Hadley second Preceinct March ye 14th 1757

After they made choice of John Nash Modera'r they came into the following Voats

Voted 1 John Nash Preceinct Clark

Voted 2 John Nash De Nath'll Smith Nath'll Dickinson Assessors

Voated 3 Jona'n Dickinson Preceinct Tresurar

Voated 4 to raise fifteen pounds lawfull money to procure th Rev'd Mr David Parsons fire wood and that the sd fifteen pounds to be Levied in the Same Rate with ye Rev'd Mr Parsons Rate

Voated 5 that the assessors now made choise of to be a Committy to provide ye Rev'd Mr Parsons wood as they think best

Voated 6 that the present Assessors a

Committy to take Care of the prudentials of the preceinct for this one year

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting Held in this Preceinct Decem ye 8th 1757 After they Made Choise of John Nash Moderator they Came into the following Voats

Voated 1 granted ye preceinct Debts as they was Brought in and Considered

Voated 2ly to add to the Rev'd Mr. David Parsons Sollery so much as to make it to amount to sixty pounds

Voated 3ly that ye Assessors make a tax to Defry sd Debts

Attest JOHN NASH Moderator

At a Legal Precint Meeting held in Hadley Second Precint March ye 13 1758 after they made choise of Dec Ebez'r Dickinson Moderator they Came into the—

Voat 1 Josiah Chauncy Precint Clark

Voted 2 Joseph Easman Precint treasurer

Voted 3 Dea Ebez'r Dickinson Mosses Dickinson Dan'll Kellogg Assessors

Voted 4 fifteen Pounds to Procure the Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood the year Ensuing

Voted 5 that the forsd fiveteen Pounds be Levied in the same tax with the Rev'd Mr Parsons Sallary & the Presant assessors [be] a Com't to Procure forsd wood As they think Proper

Voted 6 the Presant assesors a Com't to take Care of the Prudentials of the Precint

Attest EBZ'R DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Precint Meeting held in Hadley Second Precint April 3 1758 after they Made Choise of Josiah Chauncy Moderator they Came in into the following Vote

Voted 1 Alexdr Smith Richard Chauncy Dan'll Kellogg Peter Smith Joseph Easman Com't to settle Acounts with all former treasurers & Committes that have been In this Presint

Voted 2 to Chuse a Committe to take advice & Proceed & take such Measure as they think Propper to be set of [f] to be a destrict

Voted 3 John Nash Ebez'r Dickinson Josiah Chauncy A Committe for the foresd Purpose

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at A Legall Meetting held in hadley 2d Precint June 29 1758 after Dea Ebez'r Dickinson was Chossen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted 1 to send some Meet Person to the Generall Court to appear in behalf of the Precint Respecting A peition sd Precint have Entered sd Court to be set of to be a Destrict

Vot 2d Josiah Chauncy to be the Person to appear in Behalfe of the Parrish at the Generall Court for the foresd Purpose

Vot 3d that the Com'tt Chossen at a Legal Meeting in April 3d 1758 by the 2d Parrish to take such Measures as they thought Proper to be set of to be A Destrict should be the Com'tt to Draw out of the treasurers office What Money their is belonging to the Precint to Defray the Charges the forsd Com'tt have Expended in the forsd Servise of the Parish

Atest EBEZ'R DICKINSON Moderator

[By an act passed February 13, 1759, the second precinct in the town of Hadley was erected into a district by the name of Amherst. 4 Acts and Resolves, 1759, ch. 12.]

At a Legal Meeting held In Amherst at the Meeting House on March 19 1759 after Dea Ebez'r Dickinson was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vote 1 Josiah Chauncy Destrict Clerck

Vo't 2 Joseph Easman treasurer

Vo't 3 Dec Ebez'r Dickinson sessor
Jona'th Dickinson sesor
Dec Nath'll Smith
Ens John Dickinson
Mosses Dickinson sesor
selectmen

Vo't 4 Pelitiah Smith sworn
Isaac Goodale sworn
Constables

Vo't 5 Joseph Easman sworn
Jona'th Edwards sworn
tyth'n

Vo't 6 Gideon Dickinson sworn
Dan'll Dickinson sworn
Ebez'r Mattoon sworn Surveyers
Nath'll Dickinson sworn
Jacob Warner
Vo't 7 Simeon Clark sworn fence
Nath'll Coleman Viewers
Vo't 8 Joseph Church sworn
John Petty sworn Hog Rifts [i.e. Reeves]
Reuben Ingram sworn
Vo't 9 Alex'dr Smith Clerk market
Vo 10 that Hogs Rung & Yoakt According to Law may Run at Large
Vo 11 That the High way work Be Done this Year By a tax Vo't to adjourn the meeting to the 20 of March Instant then met and Came Into the following Vots
Vo't 12 to Hire Six Bulls for the District Service this Year
Vo't 13 the Select men to Hire said Bulls
Vo't 14 to Give the Rev'd Mr David Parsons Sixty Six Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence Lawfull Money Inclnding the Bond for the year Past Service—
Vo't 15 that anually the first Day of May the time To Pay Mr Parsons Sallary
Vo't 16 that from the twenty first Day of March To the first Day of May that Mr Parsons Sallary Shall Be Levied In the Presant Tax & Paid him and the Interest for the foresaid time
Vo't 17 to Raise twenty Pounds for this Years Scooling In the Next Years tax
Vo't 18 to Discontinue one Rod in Width twenty Rods In Length In the East Street of the High Way Upon the East Side of that Land the town of Late Discontinued Begining at the South Side of Dan'll Kelloggs Lot & Extending North the forsaid twenty Rods
Vo't 19 To Raise fiveteen Pounds to Procure the Rev'd Mr Parsons fire wood for the year Ensuing

Vo't 20 to Allow for Work Done at the Highways from the twenty ninth Day of March To october the tenth Sixteen Shillings P'r Day for a hand & foresd sum for teme & the Remainder Part of the Year twelve Shillings P'r Day for hand & said sum for teme
Vo't 21 that Ephraim Kellogg Ebez'r Dickinson 3d thomas Mortton John Field Jun'r Noah Smith have Liberty to Build a pew over the Stairs In the Gallary the Mens Side if it Don't Hinder Passing In the Attics & Up– and Down Stairs
Attest EBEZ'R DICKINSON Moderator
April 8 1759 John Ellis & Ruth Keet Both of Amherst have Had their Intention of Mariadge Made Publick
februwary 20 1759 then Solomon Rood & Sarah Gould Was Ioyned In Miriadge By Me
test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Peace
feb 22 1759 then John Young & Margeret Conkey Was Ioyned In Mariadge By Me
test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Pa
feb 22 1759 then Aaron Gray & Isabel Lucore was Ioyned In Mariadge By Me test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Jus Pa
April 24 1759 then Benj'n Harwood & Cathirine Chauncy Was Ioyned In Mariadge By Me
test JOSIAH CHAUNCY J Pa

At a Legal meeting Held in Amherst at the meeting House on wednesday the twenty first day of November 1759 After Dec Ebezr Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots
Vot 1 to Couse a Com'tt to take such Measures as they think Proper in Makeing answer to the Generall Court why the Petition that John Mortton & Nathan Dickinson Hath Preferd to said Court shou'd Not Be Granted
Vot 2 Josiah Chauncy Dea Ebez'r Dickinson Joseph Easman a Com'tt for the foresd Purpose
test EBEZR DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting Held in amherst at the Meeting House on Wednesday ye twenty third Day of Janawary 1760 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo't 1 two Pounds Lawfull money To Be Raised & the Select men have Liberty To Pay Part or all Said two Pounds To Reuben Ingram for Keeping Dan'll Smith if Determined By them this Due from the Destrict

Vo't 2d that the Bills as they have Been Read & Considerd are Passed & the Presant assessors to Raise sd sums In the Presant years tax & order the same to be Paid where it is Due

Vo't 3d To Give the Rev'd Mr David Parsons this Year for his Sallary Sixty Six Ponnds thirteen Shillings & four Pence To Be Levied in the Presant years tax—

Vo't 4 to Raise ten Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence L M for the Use & Benifit of Scooling to Be Levied in the Preasant years tax

test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in amherst februwary 11 1760 after Doctor Nath'll Smith was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo 1 Mr Jonathan Dickinson Ens John Dickinson Josiah Chauncy agents tor the Destrict of Amherst to Comence an action in Law with the town ot Hadley respecting the maintenence of Dan'll Smith

atest NATH'LL SMITH Moderator

At a Legal Meeting in amherst Held at the Meeting House on Wednesday the 18th Day of March 1760 after Dec Ebez'r Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following

Vots 1 Josiah Chauncy Clerk sworn

Vo 2 Joseph Easman treasurer Alexander Smith Simeon Dickinson Constable sworn Ebez'r Mattoon sworn Mosses Cook tythingmen Jon'th Modey Joseph Church thomas Hastings Surveyers Sworn John Petty Joseph Clary fence Viewers

Jonathan Smith Nathan Dickinson Sworn Edward Smith Simeon Smith Reuben Ingram Hogrifts Sworn Noah Dickinson Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Dearifs [*i. e. deer-reeves*] Alex'dr Smith Cleark ot the Markit Packer Gager

Vot 2 Hogs Rung & Yoakt acording to Law may Run at Large the Year Ensuing

Vo Jon'th Edwards Nath'll Colman Jona'th Modey Josiah Chauncy Dan'll Kellogg Selectmen taken the Previous oath Josiah Chauncy Jon'th Edwards Jona'th Modey assessors

Vo't to Raise thirteen Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence for Scoolling in the Next tax

Vo't to Raise fifteen Pound to find the Rev'd Mr David Parsons fire wood for this year

Vo't Decon Ebezr Dickinson Josiah Chauncy John Dickinson A Com'tt to View the High way in the East Street & fortriver & make tryal to Exchange Land with Some Parsons & make Return to this Meeting—

Vo Josiah Chauncy John Dickinson Joseph Easman A Com'tt to View & Judge what Damiges Mr Jon'th Dickinson Has Received By the County Road Being Laid across his Land & make Return to this Meeting

Vo't to adjourn this Meeting to monday the twenty fourth Day of March Currunt at three of the o Cloack in the —— afternoon then met & the meeting opened & Came Into the following Vots

Vo to Build a Bridge over fort River in the East Street or Near thereabouts Upon the Desirict Charge

Vo't Solomon Boltwood Peter Smith John Billings a Com'tt to Build the Said Bridge

Vo't to Seat the Meeting House

Vo't Jona'th Dickinson Capt Jonathan Smith Josiah Chauncy Dec Ebez'r Dickinson Mosses Dickinson a Com'tt to Seat the Meeting House Vo't that Age &

Quallifications & Estate upon the two Last Lists the Rule or Standard wherby the foresd Com'tt are to Seet Said meeting house

Vo't to Raise Eight Pounds to hire Bulls for the Destrict Service this Year

Vo't that the high way work this year Be Done By a tax

Vo't to allow for work Done at the High ways from the 29th of March Currunt to October 10th sixteen shillings P'r Day for hand & said sum for teme & the Remainder Part of the Year 12 Shillings Pr Day & Said Sum for teme

At a Legal meeting Held in amherst at the meeting House on tuesday the 29th Day of april 1760 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Vo't 1 that the two fore Seats in the weomans Gallary in the front Shall Be Seated with men & to Build a Pew for the weomen upon upon the Back Part of the front Vo't to Build a Pew over the Stairs for the weoman upon the Destrict Charge

Voted to take Some advice in the County Respecting the Land formerly Sequestered for Highways in this Destrict

Vo't that Mr Jon'th Dickickinson & Mr Dan'll Kellogg a Com'tt for Sd Purpose

test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at a Legal Meeting Held in amherst on Monday the fifth Day of Janawary 1761 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo'd 1 the Deats as they Have Been Read & Considered are Voted Vo't 2 the Assessors To Raise sd Deats in this years Tax & order the Payment where Due

Voted To Build two Scool houses in this Destrict at the Charge of Destrict

Votd that Simeon Cleark Ens John field Peter Smith Lev't John Dickinson Nath'll Dickinson Mr Jonathan Dickinson a Com'tt To View & Consider Whether it Be Best To have two or three Scool Houses & Where they Judg it most Convenient To Place them & make Report to the Next March Meeting

Votd Sixty Six Pound thirteen Shillings & four Pence To Be Raised in this years tax & Paid To the Rev'd Mr David Parsons for this Years Sallary

attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at a Legal meetlng held in Amherst at the meeting house on Monday the Second Day of March 1761 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator the[y] Came Into the following Vots

Voted Josiah Chauncy Cleark Sworn Joseph Easman Treasurer sworn

Voted Mr Jonathan Dickinson Lev't John Dickinson Peter Smith Joseph Easman Ens John field Selectmen

Voted Mr Jonathan Dickinson Peter Smith Ens John Field asesors

Voted Serg't Thomas Hastings & Serg't Gideon Dickinson Constables } Sworn

Voted Jonathan Modey Mosses Cook Noah Dickinson Surveyers } Sworn

Voted Joseph Church John Pettee Tythingmen } Sworn

Voted Sam'll Ingram Sam'll Church Fence Viewers } Sworn

Voted Hezikiah Beldin David Smith Simeon Pomroy Phillip Ingram Asael Modey Hogrifs } Sworn

Voted Sollomon Boltwood Jun'r Nath'll Coleman Ebez'r Mattoon } Dearifs } Sworn

Voted Alexander Smith Cleark of the Markit } Sworn

Voted Moses Dickinson Dan'll Kellogg Lev't William Boltwood } Wardens } Sworn

Voted to Raise fourteen Pounds to be Levied in the Next years Tax for Scooling

Votd to acept of the Report of the Com'tt Respecting the Places where the Scool houses Shall Be Built

Voted the highways Shall Be Done this Preasant Year by a Tax

Voted that the Select men hire Bulls for this Year

Voted that the Select men be Impowered to Draw out of the Treasurer so much Money as is Due to the Province for Last years Tax & Pay it out

Voted that Mr Jonathan Dickinson have Four Acres & three Quarters of the Town Land Lying Between Mosses Warner & the high way that Leads to Pelham Begining at the East End of the said town Land taking the whole Breadth & Extending so Far West as to make up the foresd Quantity wich is For Sattistaction to the ahovesd Dickinson for Damiage Done to him By a County Road Being Laid across Part of his Land

Atest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

at a Legal Meeting held at Amherst at the meeting house on the twelth Day of October 1761 at two of the Clock in the afternoon after mr Jonathan Dickinson was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted the Destrict will be at the Cost of mending the Road from the Sawmill through Edmunt Hubbards Land

Voted the Select men Be a Com'tt to Make Trial to See how they Can Exchange Land for a high Way with Jon'th Coles & Make Report to the Next Meeting

Test JON'TH DICKINSON Moderator

at a Legal meeting Held in Amherst at the meeting house the 22d Day of December 1761 after Peter Smith was Chosen Moderator they Came into the following Vots

Voted 1 to Build a Scool House in the highway that Leads to Pelham Near the Place where Moses Warners house formerly stood and John Billing Dan'll Kellogg Lev't Will'm Boltwood a Com'tt to Build said House

Voted 2d to build another Scoolhouse in the highway that Runs East and West between Joseph Church and Jon'th Coles Near the midle of the Length of said way and Ens John Field and Joseph Easman and Sam'll Ingram a Com'tt to build said house

Voted 3d to Build another Scool house in the high way South of Nath'll Colmans Lot East of Plum Brook upon the hill & Mosses Dickinson Peter Smith Lev't John Dickinson a Com'tt to build said house

Voted 4d that a midling Load Caried to mr Parsons Shall Be allowed in the Parsons Rate that Caries it 0--2—4—3 & the Selectmen are to Prise said Loads

Voted 5th to Give the Rev'd mr David Parsons for his Sallary this year Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence

Voted 6 th to Raise ten Pound to find mr Parsons with fire wood the Ensuing year

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in februwary Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning februwary 1 1762 then Mett & Came Into the following Vots

Voted 8 to allow for Sumer Work Done at the high way Be two shillings Pr day & Eighteen Pence for fall work & the Bills as they have Been Considered & Now Stand are Voted

Voted 9 that the assessors make a Tax to answer the above said Bills

Voted 10th to Raise five Pound more for Scooling

Voted 11 to Give to the Rev'd mr David Parsons thirteen Pound Six Shilling & Eight Pence as a further aditition to his Sallary

Voted 12 John Field Agent to Northamton Court to make Answer to said Court why the Petition that Ephraim Kellogg hath Exhibited to said Court for altering the high way ought Not to be Granted

Voted 13 to Seet the meeting house

Voted 14th Lev't John Dickinson Doc't Nath'll Smith Dec Jon'th Edwards Peter Smith John Field a Com'tt to Seet the meeting house

Voted yt the Last List age & Quallifications be the Rules the Seet the meeting house by

Voted 15th to Revoak the former Vote that was taken Respecting the Place to Set the midle Scool house in this Destrict.

test PETER SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meeting house October 18 1762 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vote 1 to Chose a Com'tt to Inspect the bridge Near James Merricks house and order Such Repairs to said Bridge as is Nessasary Dec John Nash Doc't Nath'll Smith Dan'il Kellogg Ens John Field Simeon Clark a Com'tt for the aforesd Purpose

Vo't 2 to Build three Scool houses in Amherst

Vo't 3 to Refer the Matter to a Com'tt Where said Scool houses Shall Be Set

Vot 4 Cap't Savage Cap't Root Dec John Gun a Com'tt to Determin Where the atoresd Scooll houses Shall Stand

Vot Dan'll Kellogg Dec Azariah Dickinson Mosses Dickinson Simeon Cleark a Com'tt to wait on the aforsd Com'tt

Vot to Chuse a Com'tt to Build the aforsd Scool housses Where the Com'tt Apointed Shall order and Joseph Easman Nath'll Dickinson Ens John Field Dan'll Kellogg John Billings Simeon Cleark Mosses Dickinson Peter Smith John Dickinson a Com'tt for said Purpose

attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY moderator

Att a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meetting house in March 1762 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vtd Josiah Chauncy mr Simeon Strong Alex'd Smith Dan'll Kellogg Mosses Dickinson—Select men Josiah Chauncy mr Simeon Strong Mosses Dickinson Assessors

Vot Josiah Chauncy Cleark Joseph Easman treasuerer

Vo't Peter Smith Sollomon Boltwood Elijah Baker Surveyors

Vo't Isaac Goodale Jon'th Modey Jun'r Simeon Cleark tythin men

Vo't Jon'th Coles Benjamin Roads Fence Viewers

Vo't Reuben Ingram Simeon Smith Simeon Pomroy Ebez Mattoon Aaron Warner Reuben Dickinson Hogrifs

Vo't Lev't Will'm Boltwood Ebez'r Dickinson Jun'r Dearifs

Vo't Alex'dr Cleark of the Markit

Vo't Mosses Warner Nath'll Dickinson Dan'll Dickinson Wardens

Vo't Joseph Church Surveyor of timber

Vo't Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Vo't to do the High way work a Tax

Vo't that Hogs may Run on the Commons Yoak't & Rung from the First of May to to the first of Semtember Next

Vo't to Allow Josiah Chauncy Bill

Vo't to Stop all Proceedings Respecting the Scool houses another Year

Vo't to Accept the Doings of the Sellect men in Exchanging Land with Jon'th Coles for a high way

Vo't that Joseph Easman & Peter Smith a Com'tt to Setle with the town of hadley

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting held in Amherst at the Meeting house in April 28 1762 after Mr Simeon Strong was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vot 1 thirteen Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence for the Use of Scooling

Vo 2d to Chuse a Com'tt to Setle with the Former Com'tt that was Chosen by the Town of Hadley to apear in behalfe of Sd town Respecting the high ways

Vo't Peter Smith Alex'dr Smith Dan'll Kellogg Mosses Dickinson Lev't John Dickinson a Com'tt to Setle with the Town Com'tt

Vo to Impowr sd Com'tt to Pay the Destricts proprotion of Charge to the hadley Com'tt and to borrow money on——the Destricts Cre'dt to Pay the same or to

Find any way to Setle the Same acording to their Discresion

test SIMEON STRONG

at a Legal Meeting held in amherst at the meeting house on tuesday the fourth day of Janawary 1763 after mr Simeon Strong was Chosen moderator they Came Into the following

Vots 1 Sumer work from the First day of May to the First Day of October two Shillings Pr day the Remaining Part of the Year Eleven Shillings & three Pence Pr day

Vo't to Raise fourteen Pound for mr Parsons Fire wood

Vo't twenty two Pound for Scooling Vo't to Pass the Bills as they have Been Read Vo't to Give mr David Parsons thirteen Shillings & four Pence

test SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a legal meeting holden in Amherst on the 23d Day of March A D 1763 After Simeon Strong chosen moderator voted as follows (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong District Clerk Joseph Eastman Treasurer

Vot'd Elisha Ingram John Billings Joseph Eastman Moses Dickinson and Simeon Clark Select men for the Ensuing year—

Voted Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman & John Billings Assessors—

Voted Ebenezer Mattoon and Aaron Warner constables

Voted Ebenezer Dickinson Jun'r Reuben Dickinson John Nash Jun'r Pelatiah Smith Jun'r David Smith & Jacob Warner Surveyers of Highways

voted David Blodgett Moses Cook and Elijah Baker Tithingmen

voted Alexander Smith Clerk of the Market

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted Jonathan Coles and Nathaniel Coleman Fenceviewers

voted Noah Dickinson Jonathan Moody Jun'r Nehemiah Dickinson Nathan Dickinson Jun'r Oliver Cowls Hog Reeves

voted Joseph Williams Asahel Moody Reuben Dickinson Deer-Reeves

voted Joseph Church Surveyer of Timber

voted Simeon Dickinson Azariah Dickinson and Alexander Smith Wardens

voted that Hogs yoked and ringed according to Law may run at large from the first of May to the first of September next and after the Middle of October next till winter

Voted To grant the Rev'd David Parsons thirteen pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence in Addition to what has been before Granted for his years Salary

Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a Legal meeting holden in Amherst on the twenty first Day of April A D 1763 after Moses Dickinson Chosen moderator voted as follows (viz)

Vot'd to approve of the Jurors offer'd by the Select men to Supply the Box for the insuing year

Vot'd To adjourn this meeting to monday the 24th Day of April Cur't at 4 of the Clock afternoon

April 24th then the District met by adjournment and voted as follows (viz)

vot'd To Choose a Com'tee with power to make what Repairs they shall think proper in the fort River Bridge below the Gristmill or to build another if they Shall think proper

vot'd That Deacon John Nash Lieu't John Dickinson John Billings be the Com'tee

vot'd to choose a Com'tee to build a Bridge over the Mill River where they Shall think most proper

Vot'd Joseph Eastman Ins'n John Field Lieut W'm Boltwood Josiah Chauncy Esq'r & Daniel Kellogg be the Com'tee

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting holden at amherst on the 27th Day of August A D 1763

Voted Simeon Clark moderator

Voted that John Dickinson John Field Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood be Sur-

veyors of wheat for the District of Amherst for the Ensuing year

attest SIMEON CLARK Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the meeting house there on the 19th Day of December A D 1763

Voted Joseph Eastman moderator

Voted To raise Sixteen Pounds for Supplying the Rev'd David Parsons with Firewood

Voted That the price of ordinary Load of wood carried to the Rev'd David Parsons be Eighteen Shillings old Tenor

Voted To adjourn the said meeting for one hour & then to meet & hold the same at the House of Moses Warner

Afterwards being met at Said warner's House

Voted To allow those that have laboured at Building the Bridge near Ephraim Kellogg's mill one Shilling & Eight pence p'r Day

Voted To allow Gideon Dickinson John Field & Ebenezer Dickinson Jun'r two Shillings p'r Day for their labour in falling Timber for the above Said Bridge

Voted To allow the Common Labourers at building the Lower Bridge near the mill one Shilling & Eight pence p'r Day

Voted To allow Deacon John Nash Eighteen Shillings old Tenor pr Day for Eight Days work at the Last said Bridge

voted To allow the Bills brought into this meeting as they have been read & Corrected

voted That the Assessors of this District be impowered to raise money by a Tax for payment of Said Bills & to order payment of the Same to the persons respectively

voted To grant to the Rev'd David Parsons such addition to his Stated Salary for this year as to make in the whole Eighty pounds

voted To Clear & Fence the Burying yard in Said District

voted That Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood Josiah Chauncy Esq'r Ju'o Field John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Sam'll Ingram be a Committee to Clear said Burying yard & to Fence the Same with Stone or Timber or partly with Each at their Discretion

voted To raise twenty four pounds for Schooling this year

voted To grant Liberty to Joseph Nash Gideon Dickinson Jun'r John Morton Jun'r Joseph Eastman Jun'r Israel Dickinson Alexander Smith Jun'r Thomas Hastings Jun'r Josiah Cowls Eneas Dickinson Joel Billing Oliver Clap Jonathan Nash Jun'r to build a pew in the Place of the two hind Seats in the upper Teer in the Gallary in the Meeting House on their own Cost on Condition that they resign the Same Pew when the District require it on the Districts paying back the Charge of Building

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there March 12th 1764

Voted Moses Dickinson moderator

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk for the said District the ensuing year

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer for said District the ensuing year

Voted Peter Smith Nathanael Dickinson Jonathan Edwards Jonathan Dickinson John Dickinson Select men

Voted Jonathan Edwards Nathanael Dickinson & Peter Smith Assessors

Voted Joseph Church & Noah Dickinson Constables

Voted Simeon Clark Samuel Church Ebenezer Dickinson Jun'r John Billing Samuel Ingram Jonathan Moody Jun'r Surveyors of Highways

Voted To amend & Repair the Highways by a Tax the following year

voted Lemuel Moody Jonathan Cowls Jun'r Ebenezer Dickinson the third Hogreeves

voted Azariah Dickinson John Dickinson Isaac Goodale Fenceviewers

voted Nehemiah Dickinson Reuben Dickinson & Peter Smith Tythingmen

voted Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

voted Hezekiah Belding and John Nash Jun'r Deer-reeves

voted Alexander Smith Surveyor of Timber

voted Daniel Kellogg William Boltwood John Dickinson & Samuel Ingram Surveyors of Wheat

voted Nathanael Coleman Solomon Boltwood Samuel Ingram wardens

voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the fourteenth Day of March Current to be holden at said Meeting House

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the meeting house there by adjournment on the fourteenth Day of March A.D. 1764

Voted To provide a Book for Records & a grave Cloth for the use of the District

voted that the Price of a Daywork at Highways in Summer be two Shillings & five pence

voted that a Day work in the Fall be one Shilling & Eight pence

voted to Release to Cap't Ebenezer Kellogg his Rates that are unpaid

voted That Simeon Strong prefer a Petition to the Court of general Sessions of the Peace in Behalf of the District for discontinuing the Kings Highway at the Burying yard

voted that the present Select men Settle & agree with Noadiah Lewis respecting the Road that lyes through his Lot

voted To Establish the Highway laid out by the Select men at the Mills at the north part of the District which said way is laid out & Return thereof made to this meeting as follows (viz) "The following "Highway was laid out by us the Sub-"scribers in the District of Amherst Nov'r "the 8th 1763 (viz) Beginning at a Rack "at the End of Mr Farnsworth's House & "Runs South 30° East Across the Bridge "above the Grist-mill nine Rods to the "End of s'd Bridge then South 28° west "13 Rods then South 6° East 36 Rods to "a black oak Staddle with a heap of "Stones about it on the County Road—

Surveyed pr EBENEZER CHILDS

ELISHA INGRAM
JOSEPH EASTMAN
MOSES DICKINSON
SIMEON CLARK
} Select Men

voted To choose a Committee to Treat with the Rev'd David Parsons respecting the Settlement of his Sallary

voted That Peter Smith Deacon John Nash Deacon Ebenezer Dickinson Jonathan Dickinson Joseph Eastman Josiah Chauncy Esq'r Moses Smith Samuel Ingram John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Jonathan Edwards William Boltwood Cap't Jonathan Smith Pelatiah Smith Doct'r Nathanael Smith & Jonathan Cowls be the Committee for the purpose abovesaid & make their Report to this meeting

voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of March Current

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden by adjournment at the meeting house there on the twenty Eighth Day of march AD. 1764

voted That Hogs being yoked & Ringed according to Law may run at Large in Said District from the first of May next untill the first Day of September next

voted to abate & Release to Tom Negro all Rates that have been assessed to him in this District that are now unpaid

The Committee chosen on the fourteenth Day of March Current by the aforesaid Inhabitants to treat with the Rev'd David Parsons respecting the Settlement of his Sallary now make Report & cause to be read to this meeting the Proposals of Settlement made & directed to the said

Inhabitants by the said David Parsons in writing under his hand in the following words (viz)

To the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst at their District Meeting holden by adjournment on wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of March AD. 1764

Brethren & Friends,

Whereas at your meeting holden on the 14th Day of march Curr't you chose your Com'tee to treat with me respecting the Stating & Settlement of my Sallary for the future & to know on what Terms I am Content to Settle the same I do therefore hereby offer & propose to you the following Terms of settlement (viz) that vote & Grant me a Sallary of Eighty pound lawful money to be my annual Stated Sallary for the future during my ministry with you; & in Case money Should become so Scarce as not to be a common Sufficient medium of Trade then I agree to accept the value of that Sum in Grain & other necessaries of Life and that you provide my Firewood annually as you have done heretofore—Also in Case the above proposal of providing my Fire-wood is not agreable to you I make you the following proposal instead thereof (viz) That you grant & vote my Sallary to be annually for the future during my ministry with you the sum of ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence lawful money & in Case money Should become So Scarce as not to be a common Sufficient medium of Trade then I agree to accept the value of that sum in Grain & other necessaries of Life & in Case you Grant the Last mentioned Sum then my proposal is that you are forever freed from any obligations to provide my Fire-wood

Y'r affectionate Pastor DAVID PARSONS

N. B. My Proposal is that in Case the above said Scarcity of money should happen then said Sallary should be paid at the following Rate (viz) wheat at the Rate of three Shillings & Seven pence one Farthing p'r Bushel & Rye at the Rate of two Shillings & five pence pr Bushell——

After the Reading of which Proposals the Said Inhabitants proceed to vote in maner following the same vote being reduced to writing & read to said Inhabitants & taken in the following words (viz)

voted To grant & comply with the Rev'd David Parsons's second Proposal (viz) that the District vote & Grant said David Parsons's sallary for the future during his ministry with Said District the Sum of ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence; & in Case money Should be So Scarce as not to be a Common sufficient medium of Trade then said Sum Should be paid in Grain & other necessaries of Life and the District be freed from any obligations to provide said Parson's Firewood & in Case Said Scarcity of money should happen then said Sallary to be paid at the Rate of wheat at three Shillings & Seven pence one Farthing pr Bushel and Rye at the Rate of two Shillings & five pence pr Bushel

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House in Said District on the Seventeenth Day of December AD. 1764 at 9 o'Clock in the forenoon

Vot'd Peter Smith Moderator

Vot'd to adjourn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour then to meet at ye Same Place——Met at said Meeting House after s'd Space and

Vot'd to Release to Deacon Ebenezer Dickinson his Note of about six pounds old Tenor payable to the District Treasurer for his Service in ye office of Treasurer ten years

Vot'd to Allow two Shillings pr Day for Labour done for the District in Summer

Vot'd to allow one Shilling & Six pence pr Day for fall Work

Vot'd to allow all the Bills as they have been read & Corrected

Vot'd to impower the Assessors to levy a Tax on ye Inhabitants of this District

for Defraying the Debts arising on said Bills

Vot'd to allow the Rev'd Rob't Abercrombie twenty Shillings for preaching here one Sabbath

Vot'd to adjourn this meeting to the House of Moses Warner to meet there assoon as may be—met accordingly there and

vot'd to raise twenty Pounds for the use of Schooling

Vot'd to impower the Assessors to lay a Tax on the Inhabitant[s] of Said District for Said twenty pounds

Vot'd to build four School Houses in this District

Vot'd to Choose Several Com'tees to determine the Places where said Houses Shall be built

Vot'd Moses Dickinson Peter Smith & Lieu't John Dickinson be a Com'tee to fix the Place for the North School House

Vot'd Josiah Chauncy Esq'r Joseph Eastman Ens'n John Field be a Com'tee for fixing the Place of the South School House

Vot'd Daniel Kellogg Gideon Dickinson John Billing be a Com'tee to fix the Place of the west Middle School House

Vot'd Lieut Wm Boltwood Isaac Goodale Simeon Strong be a Com'tee to fix the place of the East Middle School House

Vot'd that the District will abide the Determination of the aforesaid Com'ttees

Vot'd to choose four other Com'tees to build said Houses where the afores'd Com'tees Shall determine

Vot'd Elijah Baker Samuel Ingram Nathanael Dickinson be a Com'tee to build the north School House

Vot'd Simeon Clark Deacon Nash Ins'n John Field be a Com'tee for building the west middle School House

Vot'd Daniel Kellogg Jonathan Dickinson & Thomas Hastings be a Com'tee for Building the East middle School-House

vot'd Nathanael Coleman Lieut. John Dickinson Peter Smith be a Com'tee to build the South School House

Vot'd that the four last mentioned Com'tees be one Joint Com'tee for Determining the Size & Dimentions of each of the said School Houses

Attest PETER SMITH Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House in Said District on the Eighteenth Day of March A D 1765 at 9 o'Clock in the forenoon

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Moderator

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk of said District for the Ensuing year—

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer of said District

Voted John Billing Moses Dickinson Simeon Clark Joseph Eastman Azariah Dickinson Select Men

Voted Elijah Baker & Jonathan Moody Jun'r Constables

Voted Gideon Henderson Thomas Hastings & Lieut John Dickinson Wardens

Voted Ins'n John Field Lieut William Boltwood Daniel Dickinson & Daniel Kellogg Surveyors of Highways

Voted Daniel Kellogg Isaac Goodale Joseph Dickinson Tithingmen

Voted Jonathan Cowls & Peter Smith Fenceviewers

Voted Lieut John Dickinson Samuel Ingram Daniel Kellogg & Lieut William Boltwood Surveyors of Wheat

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Asahel Moody & Moses Cook Deer Reeves

Voted Josiah Moody Edward Smith Ephraim Kellogg Jun'r & David Cowls Hogreeves

Voted Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Timber & Lumber

Voted that Hogs yoked & ringed according to Law may run at Large from this Time to the first Day of September next

Voted to raise the Sum of thirty Pounds for repairing Highways

Voted That the Assessors Assess said Sum on the Inhabitants of said District

District Meeting March 18th 1765

Voted That from this Time to the first Day of September next the price of a Days work at Highways Shall be two Shillings & five pence

Voted That the Price of Fall Work be one Shilling & nine pence pr Day

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the next Monday at one o'Clock afternoon to meet at this Place Monday March 25th at one o'Clock

met by Adjournment

JONATHAN DICKINSON Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst at the Meeting House in Said District on the 6th Day of January A. D. 1766 at 9 o'Clock forenoon

Voted Simeon Strong Moderator

Voted to remove the meeting to the School House which is near Landlord Warners dwelling House

Voted to raise the Sum of twenty seven Pounds for the use of Schooling

Voted That the Price of Summer Work at the School Houses be two Shillings by the Day

Voted That the price of Fall Work at the School Houses be one Shilling and Six Pence by the Day

Voted That Carpenter's Fall Work be two Shillings & four Pence

Voted That Carpenter's Summer Work be two Shillings & Eight Pence

Voted To allow the Bills as read and Corrected

Voted To grant the Rev'd David Parsons the Present year's Sallary ninety three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence

Voted That the Assessors make an Assessment on the Inhabitants of the District for Discharging the Debts before allowed

Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on the 10th Day of March A. D. 1766

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq'r Moderator

Voted To remove the Meeting to the School House near Moses Warner's dwelling House

Voted Simeon Strong Treasurer

Voted Simeon Strong Clerk

Voted Lieut. John Dickinson Deacon Jonathan Edwards Ins'n John Field Samuel Ingram and Alexander Smith Select Men

Voted Lieut John Dickinson Ins'n John Field and Deacon Jon'th Edwards Assessors

Voted Reuben Dickinson and Justus Williams Constables

Voted John Field Gideon Dickinson Moses Dickinson and John Nash Jun'r Surveyers of Highways

Voted Gideon Dickinson Aaron Warner and Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Tithingmen

Voted Jonathan Cowls and Nathanael Coleman Fence Viewers

Voted Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

Voted Warham Warner Robert Emmons James Merick and Eli Colton Hogreeves

Voted Peter Smith Moses Cook Elijah Baker Thomas Hastings Surveyors of Wheat

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Timber

Voted Pelatiah Smith Jun'r and Joseph Dickinson Deer-Reeves

Voted Peter Smith Dr Nathanael Smith & Moses Cook Wardens

Voted To repair Highways by a Tax in the Same Method as was done the last year

Voted That Swine yoked & Ringed may run at large from the first Day of May next till the first Day of September next

Voted To allow Mr Benj'n Dickinson's Bill of Eight Shillings for the Interest of his money due from the District

Voted That ye former Com'tee for fencing the Burying Yard proceed to get the Highway against the Burying Yard Discontinued and likewise fence the Burying yard assoon as may be by collecting the Inhabitants to labour at said Business

Voted To allow of and accept a Road laid out by the Select-Men returned and certified by them to be laid out as follows (viz) "These may certify to the Meeting that We the Subscribers have laid out a Highway three Rods Wide across the Sequestered Land beginning at Asahel Moody's South Line extending one Rod and a Half Each Way from said Line running from the County Road West To the Town Highway running West ten Degrees North attest John Billing Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman Select Men

Attest

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on the fifth Day of January AD. 1767

Voted Jonathan Edwards Moderator

Voted to remove this Meeting to the School House near Moses Warners

Voted to grant and allow (the Bills brought in as read & Corrected

Voted to impower the Assessors to make an Assessment on the Inhabitants for Payment of the Bills allowed & of the R v'd David Parsons's Sallary for the Current year

Voted That Dea'n Ebenezer Dickinson In'n John Field Joseph Eastman Moses Dickinson and Jonathan Dickinson be a Com'tee to Consider how much Land Shall be granted to Mr Simeon Strong for his purchasing for the District the Land where the Path goes from hartling Stake to ye Boundary near Wolfpitt Brook and to make Report to this Meeting on Ad journment

Voted To Seat the Meeting House

Voted Moses Dickinson John Field Joseph Eastman Jonathan Edwards Solomon Boltwood be a Com'tee for that Purpose

Voted That for the Future the Annual Meetings of January and March be Warned by Notifications posted on the South Door of the Meeting House fourteen Days before the respective Meetings

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday this Day Fort night to Meet at this Place at one o'Clock afternoon

Voted To grant and raise twenty Seven pounds for Schooling

Voted That those that have brought in Bills to this adjourned meeting for Work at raising the West Bridge on Fort-River be allowed two Shillings p'r Day

Voted To allow those that wrought at the East Bridge one Shilling and four Pence p'r Day

Voted That those that laboured at the West Bridge at other Labour than raising be allowed one Shilling and Sixpence by the Day

Voted To allow the Bills brought into this adj urned Meeting as read & Corrected

Voted That the Assessors make Assessment for Payment thereof

Voted That Lieu't John Dickinson & Peter Smith be Agents for the District to appear in their Behalf at the next Court of general Sessions of the Peace to make Defence against the Petition of John Billing & others for a Road

Voted To take of the Sequestration from and Discontinue the Town Highway between Pelham Road & the Burying Yard for the whole Breadth thereof

Voted To give and grant to Simeon Strong his Heirs and Assigns forever a Certain Parcel of Said Highway between Said Pelham Road and the Burying Yard bounded East on the Line bounding the East Side of Said Highway north on the Burying Yard. South on Pelham Road and Extending so far West as to make the Quantity of Six Acres, upon Condition of —his procuring all the Land between Hartling Stake and a Boundary near to and South of Wolfpitt Brook and between

his own & Solomon Boltwoods Fence on one Side and the Kings Highway on the other Side; so that a Kings Highway may be laid out from said Hartling Stake to said Boundary near Wolf-Pitt Brook as the travelling Path now goes without any Charge to the District of purchasing the Land or rendring Damages to the owner thereof and in Case the District cannot obtain a Discontinuance of the Kings Highway where it now lies and a Kings Highway laid where the Travelling Path now goes within one year then this Grant to be Void

Voted To choose Mr Simeon Strong Agent for the District in their Behalf to make Application to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for a Discontinuance of the Kings Highway from Hartling Stake to a Boundary near Wolfpitt Brook: and for another Highway to be laid out between said Limits as the Path now goes

Attest JON'TH EDWARDS Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting House there on Tuesday the twenty Seventh Day of January AD. 1767.

Voted Ins'n John Field Moderator

Voted To make Such Amendments and Alterations in the Meeting House as the Com'tee Chosen for that Purpose have Reported to this Meeting in Writing under their Hand

Voted That Ins'n Field Gideon Henderson John Billing Lieu't John Dickinson and Peter Smith be a Com'tee to make Said Alterations and Amendments

Attest

Record of the Warrant for A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst Jan'ry 5th 1767 & the Return thereof which is omitted in Proper Place & should have been recorded before the Record of said Meeting 3 Pages Each

[Seal] To the Constables in Amherst or either of them Greeting———You are required in his Majesty's Name forthwith to warn all Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said District who are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town-Meetings that they Assemble at the Meeting House in said District on Monday the fifth Day of January next at nine o'th Clock in the Morning then & there after the Choice of a Moderator to do as follows;

1st to Consider & pass the Debts which have arisen in the District this year past & to raise money as they shall find occasion

2dly To determine what they will do in opposition to the suit of a Highway through Deacon Nashes Lot & onward

3dly To determine whether the District will take off the Sequestration from and discontinue the Town Highway or any Part thereof lying between the Highway called Pelham Road & the Land sequestred for a Burying Yard & between the first & Second Divisions of Land in Amherst

4thly To determine what Lands within said Limits the District will grant to Mr Simeon Strong on Condition of his procuring the Land East of his own & Solomon Boltwood's Fence & between said Fence & the west Line of the High-Way as it now lyes of sufficient Width for a King's Highway from the South-East Corner of said Strong's Fence as the Travelling Path now goes to a boundary about six Rods South of Wolf-Pitt Brook so that the District shall need be at no Charge of purchasing said Land.

5thly To choose an Agent to prefer a Petition to the Hon'ble Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Northampton that the King's Highway between the Hartling Stake & Said Wolf-Pitt Brook may be discontinued and laid out where the Path now goes

6 hly Whether they will discontinue the Town Highway on a Spot of Land lying between Simeon Dickinson's South Line and the County Road against where Moses Warner's House formerly Stood Suposed to be about two Acres giving Liberty to Preserved Clap to take Possession thereof

7thly Whether they will give Liberty to a Number who desire it to build a Pew or Pews in the Gallery at their own Cost

8thly Whether they will seat the Meeting House anew; or make any Alteration in the Sitting

9thly whether they will allow that annual Meetings which are in January & March be warned by Notifications——and you are to make Return of this Warrant & of your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before said Time——Given under our Hand & Seal this 29th Day of December 1766

JOHN DICKINSON
JOHN FIELD
SAM'LL INGRAM
ALEX'R SMITH
} Select Men

Return of the Constable indorsed thus (viz)

The Directions of this Warrant hath been attended by Me

JUSTUS WILLIAMS a Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst on Monday the Sixteenth Day of March 1767 at the Scool house at Nine of the Clock in the Morning after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vot'd Josiah Chauncy Clark Vot mr Simeon Strong Treasurer

Vot Jon'th Dickinson Nath'll Collman Joseph Easman Select Men and Assessors

Vot Mosses Dickinson Simeon Clark Sellect men

Vo't Hezekiah Beldin Asael Moody Constables

Vo't Simeon Pomroy Joseph Dickinson Jon'th Smith Surveyors

Vo't Nath'll Colman Jon'th Coles fence Viewers

Vo't Ebenezer Dickinson Jun'r William Boltwood Martin Smith Tithing Men

Vo't Mosses Warner Jun'r Jon'th Moodey Jun'r Jacob Warner Jun'r Noah Smith Jon'th Dickinson Jun'r Hogrifs

Vo't Ebez'r Dickinson Jun'r Simeon Smith Dearifs

Vo't Peter Smith Elijah Baker Mosses Cook Thomas Hastings Surveyers of Wheat and Flowr

Vo't Gideon Henderson Sealer of Leather

Vo't Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Vo't Aaron Warner Isaac Goodale Pelitiah Smith Wardens

Vote to keep the Scooll one Month in the west Street North End

Vo't Daniel Kellogg Surveyor

Vo't to Do the high ways this Year by a Tax

Vo't to adjourn this Meeting to the twenty third Day of March Currant at 4 o Clock in the afternoon

Then Meet by adjournment & Voted to Except of the Return of the Select Men of a high way Laid out as Follows Amherst March ye 18th 1767 we the Subscribers have Laid out a Town high way two Rods in Width from the Mills to Hadley Line we Began North of the bridge below the Mills and Run South twenty Nine Degrees west thirty Rods thence South forty Degrees west fifty two Rods
thence west thirty Seven Degrees South twenty Eight Rods thence North thirty two Degrees west Eight Rods thence west thirty one Degrees South ten Rods thence west about Nine Degrees North Seventy four Rods thence west about Eight Degrees South twelve Rods thence west Nine Degrees North Sixty Rods thence west thirty Nine Degrees west forty Rods to hadley Line

JONATHAN DICKINSON
NATH'LL COLEMAN
JOSEPH EASMAN
MOSSES DICKINSON
} Select Men

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on April 14 1767 after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vot that ye Select Men order out of the Treasury ye Sum of fifty two Shillings

for the Conveying the French Neutrels to Canada

Vo't to Chuse a Com'ttee to Take advice Respecting any Measures to Prevent the Establishment of the Road through John Nashs Lot Vo't Peter Smith John Dickinson be the Com'tee

Vot the Said Com'tee Shall Proceed in Law Upon advice that they Shall Recive from Such as are Skil'd in Law acording to their Direction

Vo't that Money be Taken out of the Treasury to Defray the Cost of the affair

Vo't Josiah Chauncey Esq'r & Jon'th Dickinson be Comitty Men To Joyn a former Com'tee to Seet the Meeting house

Vo't that the Com'tee Chossen to Seet the Meeting house Shall Seet said house by Age & Estate and Quallifications

JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on the Eleventh Day of June 1767 after Jon'th Dickinson was Chosen Moderator Came Into the following Vote

Vo't to Discontinue Road or highway Lately Laid out by the Courts Committy through Decon John Nashes Lot he Now Lives on and through David Nashes Lot Jonathan Nash Lives on Near the South Line of said Lot.

attest JON'TH DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meeting held in Amherst on Monday the fourth Day of Janawary at the Scool house at Nine of the Clock in the Morning after Josiah Chauncy Esq'r was Chosen Moderator they Came Into the following Vots

Vo't Mosses Dickinson Dan'll Kellogg Martin Smith a Com'tt to Examine the Acounts of those that formerly builded Pews in the Meeting house & Make Report of the Sum to the Assessors

[pass] [been]

Vo't that the bills as they have Read and Considered And also Six Pounds Granted by the District to John Hubbard for Damiges Done him by Laying a Town Road Crost his Land and Likewise Mr David Parsons Sallary be Raised in a Tax on the District by the assessors & Paid out where Due

Vo't twenty four Pounds further to be Raised for the Use of Scooling & Paid out by the assessors

Vo't the North Scool be kept one halfe the Time in the West Street

Vo't that the Select Men Build a New Pound Near Hartling Stake or Repair the old Pound as they think Best

attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

[Seal] Hamshere St. to the Constables, or Constabe of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting——In his majesties Name you are requir,d forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualified for voting in Destrict metings that they Assemble & meet at the Schoolhous near the hartling Stake in the west Street in s'd Destrict on the first monday in March Next which is the 7th day of s,d March at nine of the Clock in the Morning viz to act upon the following articles

1st to Chuse a Moderator

2dly to Couse Destrict officers

3dly to see if the Destrict will get sum body to undertake to keep the buriing yard fence,d and Clear,d for Liberty to feed it and for land next to it

to see if the Destrict will take of the Sequestoration from any highway Land by the buriing yard

to Chuse a Committy to agree with some Person About Keeping the buriing yard well fensed and Cleard for Land joining to it and for liberty to feed the yard and to give deed and take obligations of them that they Agree with

4thly to see if the Destrict will Except of a highway Laid out by the Select men beginning north of Elijah Bakers Running into the Sawmill in Joseph Churches Land and Cominning Said Rhode through Mr Sharps Land

5thly To see if the Destrict will Lay a highway through the first Division from the west Street to the Sawmil in Joseph Churches Land Where they shall see fit

6thly To see what mesures we Shall Come into to keep the high ways in Repair for the year insuing.

7thly To se if the Destrict will Except the Rhode Laid through the middle Division on the South Side of Pelletiah Smiths Lot from the Est End to mill River

8thly To hear Mr Strongs request to Answer him the morey which he paid the Committy for altering the highway against the buring yard

And make returne of this worrant and your Doings to one of us before S'd Day Given under our hands and seal this fifteenth Day of February 1768.

JON'TH DICKINSON
NATH'LL COLEMAN
MOSES DICKINSON } Selectmen
SIMEON CLARK
JOSEPH EASMAN

Return of the Constable Indos'd thus viz Hams'h ss. This may Certify that the Directions of this Worrant hath ben attended by Posting a Notification fourteen days before a meting according to the Vote of the Destrict——Hezekiah Belding Constable for Amherst

Att a Legal meting of the Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst on monday the seventh day of March 1768 at the school hous near the hartling Stake at Nine of ye Clock in ye morning Atter Josiah Chauncy Esq was Chosen Moderator they Came into ye following Vots

Vot'd Seth Coleman Clerk for the S'd District the Ensuing year

Vot'd Mr Simeon Strong Treasurer

Vot'd Levt John Dickinson, Alexander Smith Dea'n Jonathan Edwards Ins'n John Field Moses Dickinson Select Men

Vot'd Dea'n Jonathan Edwards Moses Dickinson Alexander Smith assesors

Vot'd to adjurn for the space of one hour and Meet at this Place

Met at said School hous after s,d Space and

Vot'd Nehemiah Dickinson John Nash jun'r Constables

Vot'd Jonathan Cowls Peter Smith Jonathan Nash fens vewers

Vot'd Joseph Esman Roburd Emmons Jonathan Smith John Field junr Teithing Men

Vot'd Pheilup Ingram Samuel Alling Joel Moody Oliver Clap Chileab Smith Hog-reeves

Vot'd Moses Cook Elijah Baker Deer reeves

Vot'd Thomas Hastings Gideon Handerson Timothey Green John Billings Surveyers of highways

Vot'd Joseph Church surveyer of lumber.

Vot'd Gideon Honderson Sealer of Leather

Vot'd Elishar Ingram Dea'n Simeon Clark Ins'n John Field wardens

the following Votes were Committed to riting and red in the audience of the destrict of Amherst which are as follows viz Amherst District meting March 7th 1768

Vot'd To take of the Sequestration from the Land in the town Highway adjoining to the Burying Yard Northward as far as Thomas Bascoms Fence

Vot'd to Dispose of and Grant Said Land the Highway adjoining to the Burying Yard & as far North as Thomas Bascombs Fence to D'n Seth Coleman in Fee he giving Good Security for Erecting and maintaining a Good & sufficient Fence about said Yard forever & keeping the same well Clear,d

Vot'd that Ins'n John Field Dea'n Simeon Clark Joseph Eastman Daniel Kellogg & Mr Simeon Strong be a Com'tee in behalf of District to Dispose of & Grant Said Land to Said Seth Colem'n, & to Grant him Right of Feeding and Pasturing the Burying Yard in such manner & for so long time as S'd Com'tee shall think Proper and that said Com'tee be impowered to make and Execute in Behalf of

the District a Good Deed or Deeds for the Effecting the Purpose aforesaid to S'd Colman, & to take & receive of him in like manner such securities & join in making such obligations, Covenants Indenters or to receive the same of him as Shall be affectual to secure the Performance of the Engagements on his part Respecting the making Maintaining said fence and for Keeping said Yard always well Clear'd ———and the said Com'tee are to use their Discretion as to what Quantity or part of said Land they will Dispose of; and at what Price they will Sell the Same for over and above the Consideration of fencing & Clearing as aforesaid in Case on View of the land they shall find it of more Value than is now apprehended

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Vot'd To Repare the High-ways this year by a Tax

Vot'd that hogs should run from the tenth of may next to the first of September Ensuing being ring,d and yoked according to law

Vot'd To Allow Mr Simeon Strongs his bill for altering the highway against the buriing yard; which is as follows

May 1767 To p'd for Record of Altering the highway North of Hartling stake	£–	3	10
To p'd for Entry of Caution at Crb			8
To p'd Capt Dwight for laying out ye way		17	9
	£1	2	3

Vot'd To adjurn this meting to munday the 28th of march Currant at the School hous near the Hartling stake

At a Legal meting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst hold at the meting hous on Wednesday the 16th day of march AD 1768 at 4 of the Clock in ye afternoon &c

Vo't Moses Dickinson Moderator

Vo't to remove to the School hous near Landlord M. Warners

Vo't that all Persons that have Either Children or Prentices or any under their Care that have seats aseined them in the meting hous see to it that they take & keep their respective seats unless at any particular time they were for some speatial reason invited into an nother seat by the oner or oners of the same

On Monday ye 28th of March 1768 the Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst met by adjurnment at the School hous Near the hartling Stake at fore of the Clock in ye afternoon but paist no Votes

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Att a Legal Meting of the Destrict of Amherst Holden at ye Meting hous on Monday ye 16th of May AD 1768 at two of ye Clock in ye afternoon———after the choice of Moses Dickinson Moderator Came into ye following Vots

Vot'd To adjurn this meting for ye Space of a quater of an hour

Vot'd To Come into some Measures to Clear off the incumbrences from the high way runing East and west between Moses Warners and Simeon Dickinsons on that Side next to Sd Dickinsons Land

Vot'd To Chuse a Committe to agree with Jonathan Dickinson & Simeon Dickinson about the Incumberrence on ye highway adjoining to Simeon Dickinsons Land

Vot'd That Esq Chauncy Peter Smith and Solomon Boltwood be the Committe

Vot,d To Adjurn this meting to Munday ye 23d of May Currant at ye Meting hous at fore of ye Clock in ye afternoon

On Monday the 23d of May 1768 the Inheabitants of ye Destrict of Amherst met by adjurnment at ye Meting hous at Fore of ye Clock in ye afternoon

Amherst meting May 23d 1768

Voted To Take of the Sequestration from a Sartain peas of town high-way Cut & bownded as follows viz Beginning at a black oake Staddle markt at about thirty seven rods East (as the line of ye lots run) of Simeon Dickinsons South East Corner thence running East upon the line of Simeon Dickinsons lot twenty three

rods, thence South seven rods to a Stake thence westwardley twenty three rods to a stake Thence North Eleven rods to the former markt Black oake Steadle

Vot,d That the above bounded lot of land be granted to Preserved Clapp in fee he Paying or giving good security for the Sum of Six Pound.

Test MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal Meting of ye Destrict of Amherst at the school hous on Monday ye 2d Day of January AD 1769 at nine of ye Clock in ye Morning after Josiah Chauncy was Chosen Moderator Come Into the following Votes viz

Voted To Allow John Nash junr his Bill for Money Expended for advice in ye affare of ye Highway on his lot viz fitteen Shillings

Vot,d To adjurn this Meting for the Space of one hour and to meet at this place——the Inheabitants being met after sd space

Vot,d To Chuse a Committe to agre with M'rss Nashes about the Damage dun them by a highway laid out through their land

Vot,d To Chuse five men for a Committe for ye Purpus above

Vot,d To that Josiah Chauncy Esq Peter Smith Alex'nd Smith Ins. John Field and Moses Dickinson be the Committe

Vot,d that if the Committe Cannot agree with M'rss Nashes they Shall Nominate three men out of town to agree with the s,d Nashes——& their judgment to be Disciscive

Vot,d That Josiah Chauncy Esq Ins John Field Daniel Kellogg be a Committe to settle the line between our Destrict and the Equevolent land

Vot,d To Chuse a Committe to Exzeamin the bridge Near Mearicks and if wanted to build a new one

Vot,d That Solomon Boltwood John Nash junr and John Billings be a Committe for the Purpus above

Vot,d To Rebulde or repear that Bridge Near Nathan Dickinson junr as a Committe shall think best

Vot,d That Peter Smith Daniel Kellogg Noah Dickinson be a Committe for the Purpus above

Vot,d That Simeon Strong Esq. Josiah Chaun[cy] Esq Moses Dickinson be a Committe to assertain the Bounds of the Town Ways in this District and to Erect Sufficient Boundaries Whereby Such Ways may be Clearly Known for the future and to Prosecute Such Persons as have Made Incroachments Thereon Eccept in Such Cases Wherein they Shall think Expedient to Delay Prosecution in order for the Person to Appley to the Town for Discontinuance

Vot,d To Pay the Bills as they have bin Red & Considerd

Vot,d That the Assesors Shall be impowered to rais the money that the Committe shall allow to the Nashes and for ye Highway acros their Land

Vot,d To rais twenty seaven pound ten Shillings for Schooling

Vot,d To allow Mr Parsons ninty three pound six and eaigh Pence for his sallery and assesors impowerd to rais the same

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

At a Legal Meting of the Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst on Monday ye 13th Day of March 1769 at the Meting Hous at Nine of the Clock in ye Morning After Josiah Chauncy Esq Was Chosen Moderator Came Into the following Votes

Vot,d Seth Coleman Clerk

Vot,d Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer

Vot,d Simeon Strong, Joseph Eastman, Moses Dickinson, Nath'll Coleman, Jonathan Dickinson, Selectmen

Vot,d to Adjurn this meeting for the space of one Hour and then to Meat at the School House Near Hartling Stake——

the Ioheabitants being met at time & place Voted as follows (viz)

Vot,d Joseph Eastman, Moses Dickinson Simeon Strong Assesers

Vot,d Simeon Pomeroy Ebenezah Dickinson Junr Constables

Vot,d Jonathan Coles, Natha'll Coleman Fens Vewers

Vot,d Joel Moody, John Nash junr Isaac Goodaie Teithingmen

Vot,d Henery Jonson Frankling, Thomas Hastings junr Jonathan Coles junr Joseph Eastman jun'r Gideon Dickinson jun'r Thomas Baskcum Hogreeves

Vot,d that Hogs Shall run sum Part of the year hampered according to law

Vot,d that Hogs shall run well rung and Yok,d from ye first of May to the Midle of August Next

Vot,d Nathaniel Dickinson 2d Moses Coock Dear Reeves

Vot'd Levt John Dickinson, Alexnd Smith Elijah Baker Samuel Ingram, Daniel Kellogg, Peter Smith Surveyers of Highways

Vot'd to do the Highway worke this year by the Pole

Vot'd Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Vot'd Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Vot'd Ebezer Mattoon Eli Parker Jonathan Coles Vordens

Vot'd To Cheuse a Committe to Inspect the ways from the west Street to the East from the Highway by Jonathan Coles Lot to the Sawmil that was formerly Joseph Clareys & see Where is the best place for a Heighway to be laid

Vot'd Peter Smith Decn Jonathan Edwards, John Billings, be a Committe for the Purpus above, and to Make reporte to the Select Men

Test Josioh Chauncy Moderator

Seal Hampehire ss. To the Constables of the District of Amherst or Either of [them] Greeting——

You are hereby requir'd in his majestys Name forthwith to warn the Inhabitants of the s'd District that are Legally Quallified to Vote in town Metings that they assemble at the Meeting Hous in Sd District on Monday the twenty third Day of october Currant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there after Moderator Chosen to Consider of and Act on the following things (viz 1st To Hear the Report of the Comtee Chosen in March Last [to] Ascertain the bounds of the town ways in said Distrect 2d To Give said Comtee what farther Instructions they may think Proper respecting Clearing said Ways and prosecuting such as have made Incrochments thereon

3d To Hear the application of such as may apply to the Distrect to have any part of said Ways Discontinued and act and Determin thereon

4th To Give Such Instructions as they shall think proper to the Select Men for Laying out or altering town Ways

5th To Determin What Methods shall be us'd for obtaining or securing any Debts due to the Distrect

6th To Determin Whether the Distrect will allow fore month Schooling in the North Part

Hereof fail not and Make due Return hereof with your Doing herein to us or Some one of us at or before the time herein before Appointed for opening & holding said Meting Dated at amherst the Sixth Day of October in ye Ninth year of his Majestys Reign A. D. 1769

SIMEON STRONG
JONTH DICKINSON } Select men
MOSES DICKINSON

Return of the Constables Indorsd thus viz the Directions of this Worrant has bin attended by us

SIMEON POMEROY
EBENEZER DICKINSON } Constables

Att a Legal Meting of the Distrect of Amherst at ye Meeting Hous on Monday ye 23d of October A D 1769 at one of the Clock afternoon After Choice of Joslah Chauncy Esq Moderator Came into ye following Votes Viz Voted To adjurn to the School hous by ye Hartling Stake

Voted To Allow the North and South Schools their Proportionable Part of

Money for Schooling with the Middle Schools

Voted That Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer of ye District be Impower'd & Directed to Serve the Debts Due from John Keet to the District Either by Taking Land Security or otherwise at his Discretion

Voted that the Committe Chosen to Clear of Incumberences from the town highway shall postpone the Prosecution of those Persons that have made incrochment till ye 1st Day of October A. D. 1770

Voted To Adjourn this Meting to the first of November Next at this Place at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst holden by Adjurnment on the first Day of November being Monday at nine o'Clock in the Forenoon

The Comtee Chosen in March last for Assertaining and Clearing of Incumbrances from the town Ways, And afterwards at this Meeting begin and Holden on the twenty third Day of October Laist, Instructed to hear the Applications of Such as desir'd or should Desire any Part of Said Ways Discontinued for their own Perticular Accomodation and to make heir Report to this Meeting Now Holden by Adjournment; heaving according to their said Instructions heard and Carefully Consider'd the Several Applications to them made and the Reasons Pleas & Alligations of the Several Parties thereon do Now accordingly Make their Reporte as follows viz

The Following Petitions and Reports were Each Seperately Voted according as follows viz

Voted Upon the Petitions of Daniel Kellogg according to the Comtees Reports that the after described Piece of Land adjoining to the front of his Lot be discontinued from being of the town Way (viz) Beginning at the South East Corner of His Lot and thence running Easterly in the Line of his Lot Continued Six Rods from the said Corner thence Northerly to a Station one rod Easterly of and Directly against the Southerly Side of his Hous Then Still Northerly leaving the Breadth of one Rod against Said House to the North East Corner of Sd House thence Northerly to the Stone Wall Which begins at the North East Corner of his Corn house thence Northerly by the Said Wall to the End of the same, and thence Northerly to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of Six Rods from the North End af Said Wall——

The above Piece is to be understood to Include within it all Former Discontinuances at the Front of the same lot Said Peace Containing Sixty Rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of Thirty Shilling

Voted Upon the Petition of Nathan Dickinson, according to the Comtees reporte that the after Describ'd Part of town way at the Front of his Lot be Discontinued (viz) Beginning at a station one rod north of the North West Corner of his Barn and three rods West of the Line of the townway thence a Line North to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of Ten Rods and Running from Said Station South one rod Westerly of his Dwelling Hous till the Line Comes Against the South West Corner thereof then turning Easterly to fall in with the Line of the way at the Distance of twelve Rods the Same Containing Ninety two Rods of Land; and that he Pay therefor the sum of forty six shillings——

Voted Upon the Petition of Gideon Dickinson for Discontinuing a part of the Way at the Front of his Lot in the third Division Where Moses Hawley Now Dwells; according to the Comtees Report that the following Piece be Discontinued (viz)

Beginning at a Birch Stake a Rod Westerly of the South Side of the Lot thence to the west Side of a Small apple Tree Marked and Standing between the House & the Travelled Road thence to a Station half a rod West of the Northwest Corner of the

Barn thence Northerly twenty three rods to fall in with the Line of the way, the Same Piece Containing one Hundred & fore Rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of forty four Shillings

Voted Upon the Petition of Ebenezar Mattoon, according to the Comtees report that all that part of the Way which Lies within his fence at his front from the South Side of his Lot that he Lives on to his barn and within on Easterly of the Line of Said fence Continued to the North Side of the Lot be Discontinued and the Comtee being fully Satisfied that Said Land has been once Purchased & paid for to the town of Hadley while the Land belong'd there, Report that no Farther Recompence be made therefor

Voted Upon the Petition of Solomon Boltwood, according to the Comtees Report, that All that Part of the way lying between his Dwelling Hous & his hous on the hill lately owned by his brother William Boltwood that is to say all that lies within the grant made to His Father by Hadley Committe between Said houses be Discontinued—and that he make no Recompence therefor having Proved to ye Comtee that the Same has been paid for to ye town of Hadley—

Voted Upon the Petition of Moses Warner, according to the Comtee Report to Discontinue the following Part of the way at the Front of his Lot (viz) Beginning one Rod north of his House and Door Yard two Rods wide from the Line & Continuing the same Breadth Southerly to the South Side of his garden thence to a Point at the South Side of his Lot the same Containing fifty four Rods, and that he pay therefor the Sum of forty Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of John Nash According to the Comtee Report for Discontinuing the after Discribed Part of the way at the front of his Lot (viz) Begining at a Stake Erected by the Comtee at ye North West Corner of Said Lot as it is Now Inclosed, thence Runing a Strait Line [to] a White Oake Tree about three Rods South of his Barn; the same Peice Containing twenty four Rods of Ground and that he pay therefor the Sum of Fifteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Elisha Ingram, and John Billings, and for Straitning as much as may be the Line of the Way on that Side according to the Comtee Report, that the Line of the Way from the South East Corner of the Revd Mr David Parsonss Garden run Southward as his Fence now Stands to a Stake Erected by the Comtee thence Running to a Station west of Said Fence and one rod East of High black Oak Stump or Tree Mark,d H. W. thence to a Stake about three Rods Southward in the same line thence to a Stake Standing ten feet East of Ingrams Ditch thence to the West End of Said Ingrams Shop thence running to a Station four Feet East of an apple Tree Marked in John Billings Lot and thence falling in with the Line of the Way at the North East Corner of Said Billings Shop and that all that Part of the townway which now lies on the west side of said Line be Discontinued, and Also the Land on Which Said Ingrams Shop stands and that said Ingram pay for his part of Said Lands being Sixteen Rods the Sum of ten Shillings and that Said Billings pay for his part of Said Lands being twenty five Rods the sum of fourteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Josiah Moody According to the Comtees Opinion that whereas the Accomodating of Eli Parker with Lands about his Dwelling hous according to the Instructions of the town will much Deform & Damnify the Front of Said Moodeys Lot Lying on the North Side of Said Parkers and also make the Line of the way in Said place veary Crooked and Inconvenient unless they provide therefor in bringing forward the Line against Said Moodeys Lot they therefore

Reporte that the Line of the Way in that place be as follows (viz)

Beginning at a stake standing in the midle of a grate Hollow Oak Stub thence Runing Southerly to a Stake and Stones Erected by the Comtee at the North End of a Little Knoll thence a Line Directly to the North West Corner of Eli Parkers Hous and that all the Land within the Said Lines Adjoining to Said Moodeys Lot be Discontinued untill it Comes to the Distance of one rod of Said Parkers House and no Farther the same being Ninety Rods of Ground and that he pay therefor the Sum of thirty Shillings—

Voted Upon the petition of Eli Parker according to the Comtees Report for the Discontinuing of the after Discribed Part of the way at ye Front of his Lot (viz) Whereon his Dwelling Hous stands and one Rod at the North End thereof the whole Breadth of ye House & Extending ten feet Eastward; Also Ten Feet before Said Hous Eastward the whole Length thereof also the whole Tract Contained in the Following Description (viz) Beginning about Seven Rods Easterly from the South East Corner of His Lot at a bunch of Staddels (viz) four Maples and one Elm Standing Close together all Marked by the Comtee thence a Straight Line to the South East Corner of his Dwelling Hous and Extending one Rod North of the Lane—the Same Piece Containing the Quantity of two Acres & ten Rods and that he pay therefor—the sum of Six Pounds—

Voted Upon the Petition of James Merick and Timothy Green According to the Comtee report that the Line of the way Against the front of their Lots be as follows (viz) From the Line of the way at or against the North side of said Mericks Lot to Run Southerly by said Mericks Dwelling Hous So as to leave one rod before or Eastward of Said House then Continuing Southward to a Stake Against the South Line of his Lot one Rod & half Est from the Line of the way and thence Running a Strait Line So as to leave one Rod before and Eastward of the said Greens Dwelling Hous thence running So as to fall in with the Line of the way at a White Oak Staddle Marked about fourteen Rods southward of Said Hous; and that all the present way lying between Said Line & the Lots be Discontinued and that Said Merrick pay for his part thereof being ninety Eaight Rod the Sum of thirty Shillings and that Said green pay for his Part thereof being Sixty four Rods the sum of twenty two Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Aaron Warner for Discontinuance of Part of the way against the front of his Lot in the south part of the Distrect, & the Comtee Reporte that the after Described part thereof be Discontinued (viz) One Rod before or Westward of his Hous the hole Length thereof thence Ruoning Northerly to a point at the north Side of his Lot and Sutherly to a point at the South Side of his Lot, the Same Containing seventy five Rods, and that he pay therefor the Sum of twenty Eight Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Lemeul Moody according to the Comtee Report that there be Discontinued one Rod before & East of his Dwelling Hous the hole Length thereof & to be a Line Running thence Northerly to the North Side of his Lot & Southerly to a point at the South Side of his Lot the Same Containing fifty two rods, and that he pay therefor Nineteen Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Simeon Strong Esqr and the Comtee Report that that part of the way within his garden Fence be Discontinued, and also one Rod in Breadth at the west Side of his Barn Yard; thence Running East so as to Come to the Breadth of two Rods at the Kings Highway Containing twenty Rods & that he pay therefor the Sum of thirteen shillings

Voted Upon the Petition of Wm Boltwood according to the Comtee report that

there be Discontinued from the way Adjoining to the Front of his Lot two Rods in Breadth from the South Side of his Lot Extending Northward to the North End of his Barn thence to run to a point at the North Side of his Lot the Same Containing sixty fore rods and that he pay therefor the Sum of thirty Nine Shillings—

Voted Upon the Petition of Joseph Eastman according to the Comtee report that all the way be Discontinued within his Wall at the west End of his Lot Containing ten rods and that he pay therefor five Shillings

The Comtee further Reporte that they have heard and Considerd the Petition of Divers other Persons for Discontinuing part of the Ways for their Accommodation (viz) of Decn Simeon Clark Dr Nathel Smith, Thomas Bascomb John Morton Abner Lee, Benjamin Rhodes and are of opinion that they Cannot Report in favor of their Petitions Consistent with their Instructions from the town

Voted that upon the application of Jonathan Dickinson the way be Discontinued adjoining to his lot South of Daniel Kelloggs Lot, as follows (viz) begining at the South East Corner of the Land now Discontinued from Daniel Kellogg and thence running to a point southerly the Distance of ten Rods—and that he pay therefor Seven shillings & Six Pence—

(See Page 65 the Book for D. Kellogg.)

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

N. B. see Page 9th Ledgr 2d for Confination &c

The Following is a Record of the surveying of the Town Highways in Amherst April 27th A D 1769 Which is as follows (viz)

Amherst April 27th: 1769

Then Began to survey the town Roads in Sd Amherst in order to assertain the Lines & boundaries thereof and find them as follows (viz) 3d Road—We began at a Large Red Oake Tree which Stands at the South East Corner of Moses Smiths Lot, from thence we run North 11 degrees East 363 rods to ye North East Corner of Capt Moses Cook,s Ditch then North: 9 degrees East 100 rods to [Marshes?] South East Corner Ditch then North 9 degrees East 134 rods to Mashes North East Corner Ditch on the bank of which stands a Large white Oake Tree then North 7 deg 30 min East 189 rods, to a white oak Tree stands on the South Bank of Fort River Near to the Bridg Mark,d H. W. then North 13 deg 30 min East to a stake and Stones the North East Corner of Levt William Boltwood's Lot from thence North 16 deg 30 min East 460 rods to a white oake Tree De,n Dickinsons South East Corner, then North 14 deg 30 min East to ye End of the Division N. B. we frequently Measur,d across to the East Side of the Road setting up stakes and setting thereon the Letters H: W:

2d Road We began at a Red oak Tree the South Side of Mill river by the side of the Dugway on the North Side of the Hill from thence we run South 19 deg 30 min west 123 rods to pine tree Mark H. W. then we turned at right angles and run westerly 10 rods to the middle of the road to a Chestnut Tree Markt H. W. Standing in the Middle of Sd road against Mr. Eastmans Stone wall, Setting up Stakes on Each Side of the road, then South 13 deg 30 min west 115 rods to a Chestnut Stump. then Soath 42 Rods to a Large white Oake Stump, then South 10 deg west 92 rods to a Swamp white Oak Stump by a pond hole Standing by ye Fence on ye front of the Lot Lately ownd by Josiah Chauncy Esq, then South 16 deg 30 min west 34 rods to a Stake snd Stones in Simeon Strong Esq Lot, then South 36 deg 30 min west 38 rods to a Stake in the Middle of the road, Measuring off 10 rods Each way and Setting up a Stake, from ye Last mentioned Station in the middle of ye road, we run to the front of Isaac Goodales Lot to a Stake & Stones, near to the north

East Corner of Sd Lot from thence to Hartling Stake ye North East Corner of Mr Persons's Land, and from thence to a Stake and Stones the North-East Corner of Mr Persons's original Lot, then south 30 min East 33 Rods to Mr Persons's Horseblock ye Same Course Continued 2 rods further to a S[t]ake & Stones, from thence South 18 deg West 49 Rods to a Black Oake tree or Stump Mark,d H. W. from thence to Elisha Ingrahams Nort-East Corner Ditch from thence to the South-East Corner of Nathan Moody's original Lot, From thence South 4 deg 30 min west 160 rods to Large white Oak Stump standing on the Decending ground North of Mr Parkers Hous then 10 deg 30 min west 20 Rods to a Stake and Stones from thence South 10 deg West 86 Rods to a White Oak Tree Mark,d H. W. Standing on the South Side of a Narrow, Valley, and from s,d White Oak, South 9 deg West to apine refer,d to in the Rekord of S'd Road a Small White Oak Staddle Standing by it Mark'd H. W. about 20 or 25 rods South of Mr Greens Hous, then South 15 deg 30, west 76 rods to a Pine Stump supposed to be refer,d to (by a pine tree) in the record where we S t a White Oak Stake Mark,d H. W. Then South 27 deg 30 min west 63 rods where it Strikes the front of Levt John Dickinsons Original Farm Where we set a pine Stake Mark,d H. W. Standing in the Ditch ye East Side of the path, & from thence South 15 deg 30 min West to the South East Corner of Samuel Churches Lot where we came to a Ditch in which we set a pine Stake Mark,d H. W.

8th Road Leying Between Levt Dickinson,s and Ebenezar Williams Land We began at the South East Corner of s'd Williams,s Lot from thence we Run West 7 deg North to the End of the Division Marking Several Trees In the Corse with the Letters H. W. & Measuring across S,d road frequently and setting up Stakes

7th Road Leying Between Capt Moses Cook and Nath,ll Coleman we Began at S,d Colemans South-East Corner and Run Southerly on the west line of the Streat 20 Rods to a Black Oak Stump, from thence we run Westerly to the west End of the Division to the Stump of the pine Tree mentioned in the Original Record—N. B. the 20 rods first mentioned takes in about one third part of Edward Smiths House

6th Road Leying between Den Clark, & Solomon Boltwood, we began at a Stake about Six rods North of said Clarks North-West Corner, from thence we Run 9 deg 30 min North 100: rods to a Stake Standing in Den Clarks Inclosure on the side Hill West of his Hous, then East 29 deg 30 min North 72 Rods within about one rod South of the South Door of Solomon Boltwoods Eastermost Hous, from thence East 9 deg 30 min North to the Kings Heighway which runs Northerly to Sunderland the width of S,d road being often Measured and Stakes Set upon both sides Mark,d H. W.

5th Road Leys Between Jonathan Dickinson & Moses Warner, beginning 3 Rods West of S,d Warners North-west Corner & 2 1-2 North of S,d Corner Measured North 10 deg 30 min East 20: rods to a Stake the width of the road, & from thence it runs East 10 deg 30 min South 139 rods to a White Oak Staddle by s,d Dickinsons Fence Mark'd H. W. then East 16 deg 30 min South to ye East Street to a Stake Mark'd H: W· N: B: this Road is 16 roads wide at the East End, and the South Side of it as follows (viz) Begining at the End of the three rods mentioned first in this return & run East 8 deg South 45 rods to a Stake Mark,d H: W then North 10 deg 30 min East 3 rods to a Stake Mark,d H: W: then North 10 deg 30 min East 4 rods to a Stake Mark,d H: W: then East 16 deg 30 min South untill it intersects the North Line of his Land & then to the North-East Conner of his Land

4th Road Lays Between Den Dickin-

son,s Land [and] Mr Townsends. We began at a heap of Stones the North-West Corner of S,d Townsends Lot which is a Little South of his North fence, & run East 15 deg 30 min South 12 rods to a heap of Stones then East 32 deg 30 min North 16 rods to a Stake & Stones then 15 deg 30 min South 44 1-2 rods, to a Stake & Stones then East 22 deg 30 min South 50 rods to a Stake and Stones then East 13 deg 30 min South to a Large White Oak Stump with a Stake Set in it Mark,d H: W: then East 16 deg 30 min South to a Stake & Stones where it straikes the West Side of the East Street Number Three

The Above Roads Survey,d

PR EBENEZAR CHILES

The Road South of Mr Nathall Colemans Lot & ajoining thereto we run the South Line the[re]of Takeing the Cours agreeable to the Record thereof only allowing 30 min which we found was the veariation between ye Compasses we found none of the trees or boundaries mentioned in ye record of Sd road Mr Coleman Being Desirous ye Comtee would go again upon the road being Determined he Could Shew them the Boundaries thereof the Comtee Consented and went upon ye Spot and setting ye Compass at ye South East Corner of ye road Mr Coleman Shew us a Mark,d Tree, which was from said Corner west 3 deg North. then we went to said Tree which Mr Coleman Shew us and he went forward to a nother to which we took ye Cours which was west 5 deg North agreable to ye reckord then we Continued ye Same Corse Sum way further where we found a Large red Oak Tree Markt H: W: abot one rod and one third part of a rod South of us, then we run the Same Corse to ye End of the road and Were Six paces North of a pine Markt H: W:

EBENEZAR CHILES Surveyer

The above is a True Coppey of the original

Test SETH COLEMAN Clerk

Seel Hampshire ss Amherst To the Constables of the District of Amherst or Either of them Greeting—

In his Majesties Name you are required forthwith to Notifiy and warn all the Inheabitants of S'd District that are Legally Quallified to Vote in town Metings that they assemble together at the School hous near the Dwelling Hous of Moses Warner in said Amherst on Monday the first Day of January next at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon then and theire after Moderator Chosen to Consider of and act upon the follywing Matters (viz)

1st To Make Grant of Monies to Such Persons to Whom the District is Indebted

2d To graint Money to Defray the Charges of Schooling

3d To Impower the Assessors to Make an Assessment on the Inheabitan[ts] to rais the Monies Granted

4th To Make Grants of Such Lands to persons requesting the Same as Shall be thought proper

5ly To Consider whether the District will Dispose of the way south of Nathll Colemans Lot & purchase a way further south where it may better accommodate the Inheabitants

6ly To Consider whether the District will be at any Expence for repairing the new Road Leying South of John Nashes Lot

7ly To Choose an Agent to appear for the District at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to answer to any Presentment that may be lying against them

Hereof fail not and Make due Retur[n] hereof with your Doings herein at or before the time herein before Appointed for the Opening and holding Said Meeting to us or Sum one of us—Dated at Amherst aforesaid the thirteenth Day of December in the tenth year of his Majestys Reign A. D. 1769—

SIMEON STRONG
JOSEPH EASTMAN } Select Men
MOSES DICKINSON

Return of the Constable Indors,d thus The Directions of this Worrant has bin attended by me Simeon Pomeroy Constable

Att a Legal Meting of the District of Amherst on Monday the first Day of January 1770 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning at the School hous by the Hartling Stake after the Choice of Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator Came into the following Votes (viz)

Voted To adjurne for the space of one hour and meet at this place the Inheabitants being met at s,d time & place—

Voted That the Bills as they have bin red and Considered Should be allow,d

Voted that Simeon Strong E-q be an agent at the Court of general sessions of the Peace to answer to any Presentment that may [be] Leying against the Distrect

Voted That the Several tracts of Land discontinued from ye town ways at the Request of Sundry Petitioners at the Last Meeting be granted to Each Petitioner respectively on Conditions of his paying or giving good Security to the Treasurer for the sum at which Said Tracts were respectively appraised as Appears by the Report of the Comtee in the Record of S,d Meting by the first Day of may Next

Voted that Assessers raise twenty nine pound Six Shilling for Schooling the Present year

Voted that the Assesers rais ninety three pound Six and Eaight pence for the Revd Mr Persons,s Sallery

Voted that the Assesers be Impower,d to rais the Several Sums of money as they have bin Voted and that they be impower,d to pay the Same where they are due &c

Voted that the Selectmen Inspect the Heighway adjoining south of Nath'll Colemans Lot and See for what it may be sold and also where they Can find the most advantagous place to accomodate the publick with a rode Still farther South and how it Can be obtained and Lay out the Heighway or omit it as they shall think best and make return to March Meting

Hampshire ss Amherst To the Constable of the Said District of Amherst or Either of them Greeting

In his Majesties Name You are Commanded To Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of Amherst that are Legally quallifyed to Vote in Town Meetings that assemble together at the Meeting hous there on Monday the fifth Day of March next at Nine o Clock in the Forenoon then and there (after Moderator Chosen) to Consider Determin and act upon the Several Matters following

(viz)

1st To Choose officers for the Ensuing Year

2dly To accept and Establish Several Alterations made by the Select Men in the Town Ways (viz) one against the East End of Deacon Jonth Edwards,s Lot; another against the Side of Gideon Dickinsons Lot & Joseph Dickinsons Lot; another against the North Side of Joseph Churches Lot—

3dly To accept of and Establish a Town Way Laid by the Select men Leading from the townway North of Elijah Bakers Lot to C[r]oss the Mill River near Clarcys Mill; and another way from said Clarys Mill to Meet with the same—and Also a Private way for the use of Pelatiah Smith Junr Laid from his Lot on the East Side of Fort River Southerly to the Town Way and Bounding Westerly on Said River

4thly To Determin Whether the ways shall be repaired by Poll or by Rate the ensewing Year—

5thly To Discontinue the town Way South of & adjoining to the Lot of Nathaniel Colemans

6ly To grant all the Lands Contained in Said Way to Said Nathaniel Coleman; and Impower a Comtee in behalf of the District to Execute to Said Coleman and his Heirs a Dead thereof With Covenant for quiet Enjoyment

7thly To accept of a Deed from Said Nathaniel Coleman of a Piece of Land in Amherst which Said Coleman Lately bought of Elisha Cook which was Lately the South Side of Said Cooks Lot in the Middle Division being Ten Rods In Breadth & Running through Said Division—

8thly To Make a Grant or Leas [of] the Same or of the wood & Timber thereon Standing or being to Such Person, or Persons, and for Such Term of time, and on Such Conditions as Shall be thought proper— —

9thly To agree upon what Method may be thought proper To preserve the Boundaries of the town Ways

10thly To Hear the Report of the Comtee heretofore appointed To Estimate the Damage done to Leut. William Boltwood by Laying a Way on the North Side of his Lot and act theron and Give him So Much Land as shall be thought proper—

11thly To appoint a Comtee to Layon and ascertain the Bonds of the Burying Yard

12thly To Discontinue So Much of the Town Way north of Landlord Moses Warners Lot as shall be agreed on, and Grant the Same to Mr Jonathan Dickinson for a Recompence for Land Taken out of his Lot by the Kings Heighway

13thly To Release Nehemiah Dickinson Constable from being accountable for the Rates of Joseph Gould & Noah Gould

14ly To See if the District will be at any Expence to repair the town Way South of John Nashes Lot—

Hereof tail not and make true return of this Worrant with your Doings herein at or before the Time herein appointed for opening and holding said Meeting to us or sum one of us—Dated at Amherst the Ninth Day of January in the tenth year of his Majesty,s Reign A. D. 1770

SIMEON STRONG
JONTH DICKINSON
NATHLL COLEMAN
MOSES DICKINSON
} Select Men

Return of the Constable Indoes,d thus (viz) The Directions of this Worrant has bin attended by Me Simeon Pomeroy a Constable Att a Legal Meting of the Inheabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the Meting hous there on Monday the fifth Day of March A : D : 1770—

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer

Voted Levt John Dickinson Solomon Boltwood Den Jonathan Edwards Josiah Chauncy Esq and Gideon Dickinson Select Men

Voted Levt John Dickinson Den Jonathan Edwards Josiah Chauncy Esq Assesers

Voted To Adjurn this Meeting for the Spaice of one honr and then to meet at the School Hous by the Hartling Stake

After said Inheabitants were met on Adjurnment at said time and place

Voted Nathan Dickinson Junr and David Smith Constables

Voted Joseph Church Hezekiah Belding Jonathan Moody Junr Timothy Green Moses Cook Surveyers of Heighways—

Voted Joseph Church Oliver Cowles Noah Smith Joel Billings Tithingmen

Voted Gideon Dickinson Moses Dickinson Den Simeon Clark fence Vewers

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted Jonathan Nash Junr John Field Jun'r Barnabas Edee Enos Dickinson Hog Reeves

Voted Joel Moody Joseph Dickinson Dear Reeves

Voted Joseph Church Surveyer of Lumber

Voted E[b]enezar Dickinson Junr Edward Smith Smith Martain Smith Joseph Williams Wardens

Voted To accept of the Report of the Select Men for the alteration of Several Town Ways (viz) at the west End of Den Jonathan Edwards,s Lot—one other Leying south of Gideon Dickinsons Lot—Another in the way Leying South of Jona-

than Cowls Lot—and also of a Privite way Laid South of Peletian Smiths Lot adjoining to forte river

The Reporte of the Select Men for the Alteration of said ways is as follows (vis)

Att the Annual Meeting of the Inheabitants of Amherst holden thère on the fifth Day of March A D 1770 The Select Men of said Amherst make Reporte to this Meeting of the following Alterations made in Town Ways which they Desire to be accepted and Established by the District one alteration at the west End of of Den Jonathan Edwards the Select men finding it necessary in that place to make the Town Way Wider. to avoid the Sott and Miry Ground through which it was originally Laid; have accordingly made the following addition thereto on the East Side thereof (viz) Beginning at a Stake Mark,d Standing in a Hollow Stump at the South End of a Little Pond which is on the East Side of the Travilled Road against the Said Edwards' Lot thence thence Running South Seven Degrees West twenty two Rods to a Small White Oak Staddle East of the Path & against the Same Lot, thence South twenty three Degrees West, running till it falls in with the Line of the town Way—One other Alteration in the way lying South of Gideon Dickinsons Lot the the Said Select Men finding it Necessary to make an Addition to the bredth of the Said Way to avoid the Miry Gutter between Said Dickinsons & M'r Towensends Lot, have accordingly made the following addition thereto (viz)—

Beginning at a Small White Oak Staddle Markt with Stones about it on the Side Hill on the North Side of the Path and about twenty rods Westward of the West Side of said Gideon Dickinsons Lot, thence Running East ten Degrees North twenty three Rods to a Stump Standing North of & Close to the Path in the Middle of the gutter thence East Seventeen Degrees South twenty Seven rods to a Stake marked with Stones about it on the Top of the Hill, thence East twenty five Degrees South to the Line of the way—the Lands South of the above mentioned Lines, being now added to the Way & Said Lines for the future to be the North Side of the Way—

Another Alteration,in the Way lying on the South Side of Jonathan Cowls Lot; the Said Select men have made an Addition to the Breadth of the Road at the Bridg,in the following Manner (viz) Begining at a Heep of Stones one Rod & half South of a Great white Oak Tree Mark,d Standing three or four rods East of the Bridge thence running west ten Degrees South to the Line of the way, & from Said Heep of Stones East thirty Seven Degrees North to fall in with the Line of the Way—the before described Line for the future to be the South Side of the Way at Said Place—

And the Said Select Men further reporte of a private Way Laid out by them on the 29th Day of January Laist at the Request of Peletiah Smith Junr on the East Side of Fort River near said Smiths Dwelling Hous in order to accommodate him for traveling from his Lot thence to the town way; Which Private way is described and bounded as follows (viz) It Begins at the south side of Said Peletiah Smiths Lot and on the East Side of Fort River and thence running Southerly to the town way, The River being the bounds on Said Private way on the Westerly Side, and being bounded & Limited on the Eastly Side by a black Oak Staddle near the South Side of Said Smiths Lot & three Stakes Southerly of Said Tree Erected by us, the Line described by Said Tree and Stakes being the Easterly Line of said way which is about Eaight Rods in Breadth, and Laid so Wide on account of the uneven Ground next to the River; and Becaus the said private Way is only for the use & Benefit of Said Smith, and not of Publick use to the District we further Report

that Said Peletiah Smith ought to pay to AaronMatthews for his Damage occasioned thereby the sum of twenty four shillings—

SIMEON STRONG
JONATHAN DICKINSON
NATH'LL COLEMAN
MOSES DICKINSON
} Select Men

Voted To Accept ot a Townway Laid from the town way North ot Elijah Bakers Lot to Cross the Mill river near Clarys Mill and another way from Said Clarys Mill to Meet with the same—

The Report of the Select men for Laying of said way is as follows (viz) At the Annual Meeting of the Inheabitants of Amherst March ye fifth A. D. 1770

The Select Men of Amherst pursuant to the reporte of the Com'tee Lately appointed by the District have Laid out the Ways hereafter described for the use of the Inheabitants of Amherst (viz) Beginning at the town Way North ot Elijah Bakers Lot, and at a pine Tree Mark,d (which is in the Middle of ye same way Laid out by us) thence running North thirty Eaight Degrees and thirty Minutes west, forty two rods; thence North thirty degrees west ten rods, thence North thirty Seven Degrees West Sixteen rods; thence west Seven Degrees North twenty rods; thence South thirty Eaight Degrees West Seven Rods; thence North forty three Degrees West Six rods; thence West Eaightteen Degrees North thirteen Rods; thence Nortlf twenty Eaight Degrees & thirty Minutes East to Cross the Mill River—the Same Way being two rods in Breadth—the said Select men have also Laid a rode of the Same Breadth from the Mill Called Clarys Mill, to Meet with the aforesaid Way (viz)

Beginning at a Place twenty Feet South of the Easterly End of said Mill; thence running South thirty Eaight Degres West to the way herein before described—

Which way So Laid out the Said Select men now Return and Reporte to this Meeting that they may be accepted, and allowed by the District and Committed to Record according to Law

SIMEON STRONG
JON'TH DICKINSON
NATH'LL COLEMAN
MOSES DICKINSON
} Select Men

Voted To Repare the Heigh Ways this year by a Tax

Voted to Discontinue all that Town way South of Nath'll Colemans

Voted To Grant all the Lands Contained in said Way to said Nathanel Coleman, and Impower a Com'tee in behalf of the District to Execute to said Coleman and Heirs a Deed thereof, with Covenant for quiet Enjoyment

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Ins John Field Jonathan Dickinson be a Com'tee for the purpus aforesaid—

On Nathaniel Colemans affering to this meeting a deed of Conveyance ot a Piece of Land in this District which Said Coleman lately Bought of Elisha Cook, Which was Lately the South Side of Said Cooks, Lot in the Midle Division being ten Rods in Breadth and running through said Division

Voted To accept the Same and Receive the Estate thereby Granted accordingly

Voted To Lease the Same Land So purched To Abner Lee for the Term of Eight Years and Grant him the wood and Timber thereon

Voted To Chose a Comtee to Visit the boundaries of the town amd renew such as Destroyed and make them Notorious

Voted That Moses Dickinson Elijah Baker John Nash Ju'nr he a Com'tee for the Purpus aforesaid

Voted To Chose a Comtee to Inspect the Town Way North of Moses Warners & say howmuch Land and in what form shall be assoined to Jonathan Dickinson as a Recumppence for the County rods going acros his Lot & make return to the next meting

Voted Ins John Field Solomon Bolt Wood Thomas Hastings a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted to Chose a Comtee To say and Determine how much Land and in What Form shall be allow,d to William Boltwood at the west End of his Lot as a Recompence for Laying a town Way on the North Lide of his Lot and make return to the Next Meeting

Voted That Josiah Chauncy Esq Moses Dickinson Elijah Baker be a Com'tee for the Purpus afore said

Voted That the Select Men be a Com'tee to Lay out and prefix sufficient boundaries to the Buring Yard and Make Reporte to the Next Meeting

Voted That Nehemiah Dickinson be releas,d from being accomtable for the Rates of Joseph Gould and Noah Gould

Voted to Do sumthing to the town Heighway between John Nash Jun'rs and William Boltwoods Lot

Voted To Do Ten Days Worke to the way above mentioned

Voted To begin a Gramer School at the first of May next and the same to continue through the year

Voted To Discontinue asertain Piece of townway North of Joseph Churchs Hous being as follows (viz) one rod north of his Hous four Rods wide runing Northerly twenty five rods and then fall in with the Line of the Lots and grant the same to said Church

Voted That Hogs Shall Run from the midle of May to to the First of August--

Attest SIMEON STRONG Moderator

For the Remaining Records See Volume2'd &c [On the last leaves of this first book occur the following miscellaneous entries]

Nov 7 1762 Taken up & Strayed by Ephrain Kellogg of Amherst a Sorrel mare about twelve Years old without any Mark or Brand & I apointed Ebez'r Dickinson Jun'r & Joseph Dickinson to aprise sd Mair & they aprised her at two Pound Lawtull money

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In the Yeare 1758 Thare was a tax made by us John Nash Nath'll Smith Nath'll Dickinson Ass'rs for this precinct to procure fire wood for the Rev'd M'r Parsons and his Sallary: and other Charges as follows

Commited to M'r Sam'll Ingram a tax to Collect	333	13	11
Also to M'r Jonathan Edwards a tax of	264	17	09
	598	11	8
the Debts Commited to the Tresurar to pay out	576	02	

August 21 1759

taken Up In Damiadge feasant And Straid By Ephraim Kellogg & Mosses Warner a Roan Mair about three years old With a Blase in her face & a Nattural Pacer Without mark or Brand

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A Record of the proceeding In y'e tax of two pence p'r a:or Granted by the General Coart

Pursuent to the Order of this Precinct the Assesors proceeded to Expose to Sale so Much of the Lands of the Nonresident propriators (who had been Delinquent in paying the tax Assesed upon thare Lands by vertu of the Grant of the Grate and General Court to this Precinct to enable them to settel a Gospel Minister and) as was Judged would be Sufficient to Detray and pay up the Remaining part of the Assesment yet Du

Accordingly y'e Rate of Shuch DelinquentPropriators Land was posted Publickly at Springfeild at the House of M'r Worthontons & In Hadley 3d Preceinct att the House of M'r Kellogg & att Each publick House the 29th Day of August 1739:

After which on the first Day of March 1739 40 Notifications of the Sale of y'e Delinquent Propriators Lands was Publickly posted att y'e Aforesd Places In Springfeild first Parish att y'e House of M'r Worthonton & In Hadley 3d Precinct att y'e House of M'r Kellogg Seting forth

ye Quantety of Lands or Number of Acors Exposed to sale of Each Delinquent Proprietors Lots: Allso seting forth y'e time or Day appointed for the Sale of Shuch Lands by Publick Vandue which is to be on the first Munday of June 1740

On the third Day of Janew'r 1739 40 Notifications of the Intended Sale of y'e Delinquent propriators Lands ware Inserted or Advertised In y'e Publick prints for three several weeks Sucsesively

On the first Munday in June 1740 a Lot of Land belonging to the Heirs of Colonal Sam'll Brown Decest Containing about foure Hundred& twelve Acors Lying about ye Middel of the third Devesion of Lands so Called In Hadley third Preceinct—and was formerly Laid out to the Porters: was Publickly Sold at a Publick Vandue: to the Highest Bidder: for one Hundred & forty seven pounds Bills of the old Tennor: the Remainder of which Money: after his Rate of Assesment: as also the Incident Charges ware paide was Logd In the Precinct Tresury: (that is thirty pounds nineteen shillings and two pence) with order to y'e Tresurar John Cowls to pay the same to the Heirs of Colenal Sam'll Brown when & as soon as Demanded

[SECOND BOOK.]

Hampshire ss. May y'e 7th 1770—

To the Constables of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting.

In his majesstys Name you are Requir,d forthwith To warn all the Freeholders & other Inheabitants of the Distrect of Amherst Qualified to Vote in town and District Meetings that theary Conveen & meet to Gether at the Meeting Hous in s,d Distrect on thirsday the twenty fourth Day of May Currant at four of Clock in the after noon, then and there after a Moderator Chosen,

1st To know the minds of the Distrect whether they will accept of the List of Jurors the Select men have Drawn up

2d Whether the Distrect Will accept of the Reporte of the Select Men Respecting the bounds of the Burying Yard

3d Wheather the Distrect think it necessary for the Select men To Lay a highway from Hoddens in the East Street Northerly to John Adams Corn Mill—and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein to one of us before s,d Meeting

JOSIAH CHANCY
JOHN DICKINSON } Select Men
SOLOMON BOLTWOOD

Return of the Constable indors. thus (viz)

The Directions of this Worrant has bin attended by me

DAVID SMITH Constable

the Directions of Worrant have bin answer,d by me

NATHEN DICKINSON Jn'r Constable for Amherst

May: 24: 1770

Att a Legal Meeting of Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Thirsday the twenty forth day of May 1770 fore of the Clock in y'e afternoon, Come into the following Votes (Viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted To Accept of the List of Jurers as they have bin Red

Voted To Accept of the Report of the Select Men Respecting the bounds of the burying yard who is as follows (Viz)

We the Select Men of the Distrect of Amherst according to the Vote of the town have set up the bounds of the Burying Yard According to our best Judgment & is as follows (Viz)

Beginning at a Stake and Stones two Rods Easterly of Docter Coleman,s North East Corner of his Ketching thence Easterly Nineteen Roods to a Stake and Stones thence Northerly twenty two Rods to a Stake and Stones thence Westerly four Roods to a Stake and Stons thence Southwesterly Eaighteen Rods & one half to Stake and Stones thence Southerly Eleven

Rods & one half to the first Mentioned Corner

JOSIAH CHAUNCY
JOHN DICKINSON
GIDEON DICKINSON } Select Men
JON'TH EDWARDS
SOL'N BOLTWOOD

Voted that the Select Men Lay a Heighway in the East Street from Hoddings or Eastmans Lot to Shutesbury Rode and make Reporte to March Meeting

Test ———

August 21 1770

AT A Legall Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst on tuesday y'e 21d of August 1770 at 5 of the Clock in ye afternoon, after the Choice of Simeon Strong Esq Moderator Voted as Follows (Viz)

Voted to Come Into sum Measures for Regulating or Eaising of the burden of a Roade requested and About to be Laid through the third Division of Lots in Amherst

Voted To Chews a Com'tee To Inspect and See if their Cant be a way found fo[r] a rode through the third Division of Lots as Good for the Publick with Les Damage to the Privite then the Way Now Ropos,d through John Billings Lot in Its triangular Point

Voted that Ins John Field Moses Dickinson and Gideon Dickinson Be a Com 'tee for the Purpus aforesaid, and that in Case they Can find such a place for a Rode as is Mention,d above that they reporte to some one who Shall [be] Chosen to act at Court in behalf of the Distrect

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq. be an Agent at Court for the Distrect Incase a Com'tee be Chosen to Lay out S'd way that if Posiable the S'd Com'tee may have their orders Left in Sum measure at Large and Not Confined to one Perticular Place

Test. ———

January 14th 1771

Att A Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst on Monday y'e 14th of Janary A D 1771 at the Midle School-House in the first Division at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (Viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour & then meet at this Place.

Voted to Allow two shillings Per Day for summer worke.

Voted to Allow one Shilling and Six pence for fall Worke

Voted To Allow the bills as they bin Red and Consider,d and that the Assesers Leavey a tax for raising the Same

Voted To allow the Re'vd M'r Parsons ninety three pound Six shillings and Eaight Pence & that the Assesers Leavey a tax for raysing the Same.

Voted to rais thirtey Pound for school and that the Assesers Leavey a tax for Raising the Same

Voted to Build a Bridge over the mill River near Clareys mill So Call,d

Voted to Chews a Comtee to Settle with De'n Ebenezer Dickinson a former Tresurer Respecting a Sum of Money Lodg,d in his hands which is the Equivolent or Reward of a sartin Tract of Land formerly Call,d the Equivolent Land

Voted that Josiah Chauncy Esq Simeon Strong Esq and John Billings be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

(Seal) Hampshire ss. To the Constables of the Distrect of Amherst or Either of them Greeting In his Majesstys Name you are Requir'd to Worn all the freeholders and other Inheabitants that are Qualified Acording to Law to Vote in Town & Distrect Meetings that they Convene and meet Together at the Middle School hous in the first Street in Amherst on Monday the twenty first Day of January Currant at two of the Clock in the after Noon to Consider and Act upon the following Articles

1st Wheather the Distrect will set up another School

2d Whether the Distrect Discontinue and Sell any Part of the Heighway in this Distrect

3d Wheather the Distrect will Seat the Meeting hous or Make any alteration —and Make Due Return of this Worrant with your Doing therein to some one or more of us the subscribers before S'd Meeting. Given under our hand and Seals this Seventeenth Day of January 1771

JOSIAH CHAUNCY
JONATHAN EDWARDS
SOL'N BOLTWOOD
GIDEON DICKINSON
} Select Men

Return of the Constables Indors thus (viz)—the Directions of this warrant hath bin attended by us

NATHAN DICKINSON Jn'r
DAVID SMITH
} Constables

January 21st 1771

Att a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the School hous near Hartling Stake on Monday y'e twenty first of January A D 1771 Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq Moderator

Voted that the Select Men Set up a new school at the north End of the Distrect the Space of Six weeks in addition to the present school

Voted to make sum alterations in seeting of the Meeting hous—

Voted that Leut. John Dickinson De'n Jonathan Edwards, Ins. John Field Josiah Chauncy Esq and Moses Dickinson be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted that the Above Com'tee be regulated by the List to be taken for the Present year to Gether with Eage Estate and Qualifications

Test. Josiah Chauncy Moderator

Amherst Distrect Meeting Jan'ry 21st 1771

Voted that there be Granted, to Lieut. William Boltwood and John Nash Jur. all the Land between the after Mentioned Line and the Lots in which they Dwell that is to say Each of them to have that which lies against his own Lot that is to say. Beginning at a Stake and Stones at the Northwest Corner of the Said John Nashes Lot on Which he Dwells as the Same as now Inclos,d thence Running Southerly to White Oake Tree about three Rods South Said Nashes Barn thence running to a Stake and Stons Near the Southwest Corner Said Nash,s Lot thence Still Southerly to a Stake and Stones at the Northwest Corner of Said William Boltwoods Lot Crossing the townway two rods wide hence to a Stake and Stones about two rods & half westerly of said Boltwoods Barn; the said Grant to Said Boltwood being in Recompese of the Damage done by Laying the town Way on y'e north side of his Lot; and the Grant to Said Nash being on Condition of his paying or securing to the District Treasurer the sum of thirty two shillings within this Month of January

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

N. B. See Page 9 for J. Nashs land

(Seal) Hampshire ss. To the Constables of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting in his Majestys Name you are required forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the Destrict of Amherst Qualified to Vote in town or District meeting that they Convene and meet together at the School Hous in the first Street in Amherst Near Pelham Road Tuesday the fifth Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then and there after a Moderator Chosen to See if the Destrict will Vote the following articles

1st To Chuse Destrict officers Ensuing Year

2d Wheather the Destrect will Consider & Determine Respecting such Conditional Grants as Have here to fore bin Made by the Destrict whether the Conditions are fullfilled or not and to Conform the Grants to the Grantees respectively

and make them Absolute Where the Grants appear to have been fulfilled.

3d Whether the Destrict will Discontinue any Part of the highway in said Destrict and sell the Same in any Veary special Case or Cases—& further more to see if the Destrict will accept of the return of the Selcct men of a town road Laid out from the North End of the Second Street up Near to Goulds mill So Call,d

4th To Determin whot what method to repare the Heighways the Ensuing Year

5th Wheather the Distrect will Let Hodgs run at Large any Part of the Year Ensuing if they are rung & Yoaked according to Law

6th To see whether the Destrict will accept of the report of the Com'tee Chosen to Seet the Meeting Hous

7th Wheather the Destrict will Vote that Every Person Seated Shall Take their Seats where they are Seated & to be Esteemed Disorderly if no. & be Liable to such a fine as the Court Judge Proper—& make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings therein to sum one of us before s,d meeting—Given under our hands & Seal this 18th Day of February 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his Majestys Reign

JOSIAH CHAUNCY
JOHN DICKINSON
SOL'N BOLTWOOD } Select Men
GIDEON DICKINSON
JONATHAN EDWARDS

Return of the Constables Indors this (viz) the Directons of this Warrant hath bin attended by me Nathan Dickinson Jnr Constable

March 5th 1771

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inheabitants of the District of Amherst holden at the School Hous. Near the hartling Stake on Tusday ye 5th Day of March A D 1771 at Nine of the Clock in y'e Morning and Voted as Follows. (viz)

Voted. Josiah Chauncy. Esq. Moderator

Voted. Seth Coleman Clerk

Voted. Simeon Strong Esq. Treasurer.

Voted. Simeon Strong Esq. Ins. John Field. Moses Dickinson Alexan'd Smith and Peter Smith Select men

Voted. to adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then to meet at the School hous at or Near the Hartling Stake

Voted. Peter Smith I's John Field. Alexan'd Smith Assesers.

Voted. Jonathan Dickinson Ju'r Philup Ingram Constables.

Voted. Simeon Dickinson De'n Simeon Clark. Asael Moody Nath'll Dickinson Elijah Baker Surveyers of Heighways.

Voted John Nash Ju'r Gideon Handerson Jonathan Moody Jn'r Tithing Men

Voted Nath'll Coleman Jonathan Cowls fens Vewers

Voted John Heddens. Oliver Cowles Gideon Lee Joel. Billings. Lemuel Moody Hogreeves.

Voted Moses Cook John Nash Ju'r Joel Moody Joseph Eastman Ju'r Deer Reeves.

Voted Jonathan Smith David Blodgit Robert Emmons Wardens.

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted that the former Com'tee Chosen to Survey the Heighway heretotore go again onto the Line between De'n S. Clarks Lot and the Heighway adjoining to more Critically assertain if Posiable the Line between s,d Simeon Clarks Lot and Heighway adjoining

Voted that the Com'tee Chosen heretofore to Survey the town Heighway go onto the Line at the front of Hezekiah Beldings Lot and Say how much Land if any Shall be Sold to S,d Belding to accommodate him around his barn, shop & well, and in what form & for how much he shall have the Same & make return to the Next Meeting

Voted to Cheus a Com'tee to Vew the Heighway at the East End of In's John Fields & Moses Cooks Lot and Say how much Land if any Shall be Sold To Sam-

uel Gould in what form and for what Sum and make return to the Next meting

Voted Solomon Boltwood John Nash Jn'r Daniel Kellogg be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted to repare the Heighway this year by a tax

Voted that hogs Shall run from ye 20th of May To 20th of August ring,d and yok,d according to Law

Voted to adjourn to the meeting hous

Voted to accept of the Com'tee report in the regulation of the Seats in the Meeting hous

Test Josiah Chauncy Moderator

A Highway Laid out by us the Subscribers in Amherst May y'e 30th 1770 as follows (viz) We began at a Large Red Oak Stump Supposed to be the North East Corner of Joseph Eastmans Lot y'e body of the Tree being on the ground being Mark,d H. W. from thence we Ran on the west Side of S,d highway north 14 deg 30 min East 60 rods to which Place the Heighway is Laid 12 rods wide opposite to which Stands a Stake & Stones on ye East Side y'e Steak Mark,d H. W. then the Heighway Runs on the East Side North 36 deg East 9 1-2 rods to a heap of Stones and a Stake Markt H. W. then North 11 deg East 17 rods to a heap of Stones and a Stake markt H. W. about 14 or 15 rods to the South of Hoddens Hous where the road is 13. rods & 6. Links wide then we Went to the West Side of S,d Heighway to where we Ended the 60 rods first Mentioned & Continued the Cours North 14 deg 30 min East 12 rods to a pine Stake Mark,d H. W. then we went to the Laist mention,d Station on ye East Side & ran North 9 deg 30 min West 46 rods to a heap of Stones & Stake Mark,d H. W. than we went to the Laist mention,d Station on y'e West Side (viz) a Pine Stake & ran North 12 deg West 42 rods to a Large White Oak Stump Mark,d H. W. from whence forward the highway is Laid 2 rods wide from said White Oak Stump it run West 31 deg North 11 rods to a heap of Stones & a Stake mark,d H. W. then west 34 deg North 28 rods to a Pine Stadle mark,d H. W. then North 38 deg West 45 rods to a pine Stadle mark,d H. W. then North 27 deg West 5 rods to a Pine Stadle Mark,d H. W. then North 43 deg west 7 1-2 rods to a Pine Stadel mark,d H. W. then North 32 deg West 3 rods to a pine Stadle Mark,d H. W. then North 45 deg West 31 rods to a Small Pine Stadle Mark,d H. W. then North 36 deg West 9 rods to a Pine Stadel Mark,d H. W. then North 25 deg West 26 rods to a Small White Oak Stadel Mark,d H. W. then North 14 deg West 12 rods to a Small White Burch Stadel Mark,d H. W. then North 1 deg West 54 rods to a Walnut Stadel in a run of water Mark,d H. W. then North 16 deg west 39 rods to a White Oak Stadel Mark,d H. W. then Continued the Same cours 46 rods further to the County Road

Survey,d By EBEN'R CHILDS.

Damages as Estimted by the suscribers

To Ebenezer Williams	£0	5	0
To Joseph Eastman	0	6	6
To Elijah Baker	1	0	0
To Noah Smith	0	10	0

JOSIAH CHAUNCY
GIDEON DICKINSON } Select Men
JON'TH EDWARDS

The Above Reporte of the Select Men is Voted

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Voted that Daniel Kellogg Nathan Dickinson Gideon Dickinson Moses Warner John Billings Josiah Moody Eli Parker James Merick Timothey Green Aaron Warner Lemuel Moody Simeon Strong Joseph Eastman & Jonathan Dickinson have fullfill,d the Conditions of their Respective Grants made to them at the District Meeting Janu'y 1st 1770 of Land that were before Part of the townway and that the Said Grants be & hereby are made absolute to them respectively and their Heirs forever—

Voted that John Nash Jn'r has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant of Land made to him at the last Jannary Meeting and that he hold the Same Land in Fee

Voted that Simeon Strong has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant made to him of that Piece of Land which Lies Between Pelham Road & the Burying yard & that the Same Land be & hereby is Confirmed to him & his Heirs

Voted that Preseved Clap has fulfilled the Condition of the Grant Made to him of Land on the South Side of Simeon Dickinsons Lot & that the Same be & hereby is Confermed to him and his Heirs

Test JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

April 22. 1771.

Att A Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst at the Meeting House on Monday y'e twenty Second Day of April A D 1771 at two of the Clock in y'e afternoon, and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept of the List of Jurers as they have been red

Voted to Chuse a Com'tee to agree with Ebenezar Williams respecting a Bit of his Lot North of his hous wanted for a rode and make a reporte to sum futer meeting

Voted Peter Smith Moses Dickinson and Nath'll Coleman a Com'tee for the purpos above

Voted To accept of the Report of the Com'tee Chosen to Settle with De'n Ebenezer Dickinson &c

Test Moses Dickinson Moderator

Seal Hampshire ss. Amherst To the Constab[l]es of the Destrict of Amherst or Either of them Greeting—

You are hereby required in his Majestys Name to Notify the Inheabitants of Said District Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs that they Meet together at the Meeting Hons in Said District on Wednesday the fifth Day of June Next at two of the Clock afternoon, then and there after Moderator Chosen to Do & transact the following things (viz)

1st To Hear the Petition of Landlord Moses Warner for discontinuing that Part of the town way lying on the North Side of his Lot which he has inclos,d within his Fence or Such part thereof as Shall be Necessary to make up the Breadth of his Lot; or otherwise to make him a grant of Land in some other Part of the Said way sufficient to Make up the Land that is wanting in his said Lot

2d To Hear the Reporte of the Com'tee heretofore Chosen to Consider what Land should be granted To Jonathan Dickinson in said way as a Recompence for his Land taken up in the Kings Heighway and grant so much Land to said Dickinson as shall be thought proper & to Discontinue such part of said way as shall be granted to him

3d To hear the Request of John Morton for Discontinuing a part of the town-way which he has Inclos,d & sel to him so much of said Land as shall be thought proper

4ly To Determine Wheather the District will allow Abner Lee to keep up his Fence about his Field in the town way and on What Condition and for what time

5ly To Determaine wheather the District will allow De'n Simeon Clark to Keep up his fence round his Crop Sowed in the town way East of his hous & for what time & for what Consideration

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Worrant & your Doings herein at or before the time of holding said Meeting. Dated at amherst the 31st Day of May Ano domini 1771

SIMEON STRONG
PETER SMITH
MOSES DICKINSON
ALEX'D SMITH
} Select Men

Return of the Constables Indors. thus (viz)

The Directions of this Worrant hath bin attended by us

JONATHAN DICKINSON Jn'r
PHILUP INGRAM: Constables

June 5th A D 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting Hous on Wednesday y'e 5th June 1771 at two of y'e Clock in y'e after noon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq. Modrator

Voted to Chuse a Com'tee to survey Lan'd Moses Warners Lot and see how much land the town has taken of his Lot for a highway on the North side and Determin how much Land shall be ascined to Moses Warner where and in what form

Also to affix boundarys to a bit of Land formerly ascined to Jonathan Dickinson as a Recompence for the Land taken from him for a Heighway and the survey of the same &c

Voted That Simeon Strong Esq Moses Dickinson Josiah Chauncy Esq be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted that the same Com'tee be directed on the Petition of John Morton to Vew the town way near John Mortons House & se what Land is nicessary for the town to allow him to hold there & make Reporte to the Meeting

Voted that the said Com'tee do not Proceed to prosecute Aaron Lee for Incumbring the way till the further order of the town

Voted that a Com'tee be Chose to Determin what rent De'n Clark give to the Town for his Land in y'e town way East of his Hous

Voted that Isaac Goodale Moses Cook and John Nash Jr be a Com'tee for that Purpose.

Voted that this Meeting be adjurned to the Monday after next at four of the Clock afternoon

Attest Josiah Chauncy Moderator

Amherst District Meeting by Adjurnment on Monday the 17th Day of January. 4 a Clock afternoon

Voted that there be granted to Jonathan Dickinson in Recompence for Land formerly taken for y'e Kings Heighway from the Lot whereon his Son Simeon Dickinson now dwells, four Acres and three Quarters of an Acre of Land in the town way north of & adjoining the Lot of Moses Warner in Form following (viz) Beginning at the Rear of the Second Division Lots the whole Breadth of the way being sixteen Rods thence running Westerly Carrying the Whole Breadth of said Way forty six rods two feet and half to Bounds marked & made by the Com'tee and that the whole of the Town Way Lying within the before mentioned Limits be & hereby is discontinued.

Voted that the southerly Line of the said town way from said Jonathan Dickinsons Grant westerly hereafter shall beas follows (viz) Beginning at a Stake & Stones in the Westerly Line of Said Dickinson,s Grant and nine Rods Northerly from the Southwest Corner thereof thence running West seven Degrees thirty Minutes north about fifty four rods to a burch Stake & Stones not far South of the Parth thence West forty two Degrees North ten rods to a Stakes & Stones thence West fifteen Degrees & thirteen Minutes North to a Stake Six rods: thence the same Point Eighty two rods to a Stake and Stones in Moses Warners Fence south from Preserved Claps Shop, thence West fourteen Degrees South twelve rods to a Stake & Stones thencd west 11 deg South 6 rods to a Stake Mark'd H. W. & Stones. thence West 30 deg 30 min north 10 rods to a Stake & Stones thence about thirty Rods west 3 deg North to a Stake & Stones in the front Line of the original Lots and that all that Part of said Way which Lies south of Said Line be & hereby is discontinued

Voted that all the Land in Said Way south of the Line aforesaid being four Acres & half and sixteen Rods more then Moses Warner has Inclosed be and hereby is Granted to Moses Warner as a compensation for his original Lot taken formerly in Said Way and which now makes a Part of said Jonathan Dickinsons Grant

and for what was wanting in Quantity of Land formerly Granted to him & which he bought of the Town of Hadley

The Above Votes Paist in District Meeting

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Meeting October 30th 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Wednesday the thirtieth day of october at three oClock afternoon A 1771.

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Peter Smith Moderator

Voted that the Select men be impowerd to Draw money out of the Treasury to pay the Necessary repairs of the Meeting hous & School houses

Tes't PETER SMITH Moderator

Meeting Novem'r 8. 1771

Att a Legal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Friday the Eaigth Day of November 1771 at two of the Clock after noon, and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Moderator

Voted to take sum further Measurs to obtain an alteration of the Heighway Lately Laid through the third Division to Belchers town through John Billings Lot.

Voted Moses Dickinson be an Agent to forward a Petition to Court for the purpus aforesaid

Test. Simeon Strong Moderator

Meeting December 2d 1771

At a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y'e 2d Day of December 1771 at one of the clock in y'e afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Peter Smith Moderator

Voted to Adjurn to the school hous near the Heartling Stake

Voted that the Courts Com'tee Lately Chosen to vew the County rode Lately Laid in the third Division in order to make sum alteration or removal of said rode shall come

Voted to Chuse a Com'tee to wait on the Courts Com'tee

Voted that Simeon Strong Esq & Peter Smith be a Com'tee for y'e purpus above

Voted that the Comtee be shewed acros the East End of the third Division of Lots Leading from Log town to Pelham Rode and also a rode Leading from Noah Dickinsons by De'n Jonathan Edwards and thomas Hasting,s to Come in with the New County Rode Near Nath'll Pecks.

Test. PETER SMITH Moderator

Meeting January 13th A. D. 1772

Att A Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the School hous Near Landlord Warners on Monday the thirteenth Day of January A. D. 1772 at Nine of the Clock in morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Alexander Smith Moderator

Voted to adjurn this Meeting for the space of one hour and then return to this Place

Voted to Allow two Shillings per Day in Summer for worke & one Shilling & Sixpence per day in fall

Voted to Allow the Bills as they have bin red & Considerd

Voted to Allow the Re'vd David Persons his Sallery as in years Paist

Voted that the Assesers be impowerd to Asses the money Voted above

Voted to Allow Simeon Strong Esq forty fore Shillings it being money he paid to the Corts Com'tee for their Services in December 1771

Voted to Take sum Measures to divide the District into two Pearishes

Voted To adjurn this Meeting to the 14th Day of January Current at one of the Clock afternoon

Amherst District Meeting by Adjurnment on Tuesday the 14th Day of January A. D. 1772 one Clock afternoon

Voted that the Select Men be Directed to Preambulate the Line between Hadley and Amherst

Voted to Chuse a Com'tee to Lay out a Recumpence in Land to Joseph Church for his Land taken for a town way & make a report to sum futer meeting

Voted that Elijah Baker & Ebenezer Dickinson Jn'r be a Com'tee for the Purpose above

Voted that the School house that is near Edward Smiths hous be removed to the East Side of the Street upon Private Expence and that there be a Com'tee Chosen to say wheare it shall stand

Voted that Isaac Goodale Solomon Boltwood & John Billings be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted to Make De'n Ebenezar Dickinson som allowance for his former trouble in Collecting Alvords Debt

Voted to allow Den Ebenezar Dickinsod five pounds for his former Service as above mentioned & Voted

Voted to take sum further measurs for the removal of the County road to Beltchers town

Voted that Moses Dickinson the former Agent Should go to the Next Court at Northampton & hear the report of the Courts Com'tee

Test. ALEXAND'R SMITH Moderator

Meeting March 10th 1772

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting Hous on Tuesday the tenth Day of March at Nine of the Clock Forenoon A. D. 1772 Come Into the following Votes (viz)

Voted Alexander Smith Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman District Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq Treasurer

Voted John Dickinson Nath'll Dickinson Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson & John Billings Selectmen

Voted John Billings John Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assesers

Voted to adjurn for the Space of one hour and then to Meat at this place

Voted Joseph Dickinson Joel Moody Constables

Voted Eli Parker William Boltwood David Blotchet Joseph Church Surveyors of Highways

Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath'll Coleman Fens Vewers

Voted Jonathan Moody Jn'r John Nash Jn'r Dear Rives

Voted Elijah Baker Daniel Dickinson David Cowles Tything men

Voted Jacob Warner Jn'r Timothey Green Jn'r Oliver Clap Robert Emmons Ezerah Roode Hog Rives

Voted Joseph Church Surveay of Lumber

Voted Isaac Goodale Sealer of Leather

Voted to Repare the Heighways this year by the Pole

Voted E ishar Ingram Isaac Goodale Asahel Moody Wardens

Voted to Let Hogs run well ring,d and yoked sum part of the year

Voted that Hogs shall run from the fifteenth of May to the tenth of August next Hamperd as above

Voted to adjurn to the 11th Day of March Currant at Nine of the Clock in the morning then meet at this Place

Amherst District Meeting by adjurnment on Wednesday the 11th of March 1772 at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Voted to adjurn to the School hous by Landlord Warners

Voted to adjurn for the space of one hour then to meet at this Place

Voted that the Select Men Draw Money out of the Treasurey to Pay for Schooling this year

Voted to accept of the report of a Com'tee Chosen to Lay out a bit of Land to Joseph Church which is as follows

Amherst March 9th 1775

Att a Legal Meeting on January the 13th we the Subscribers being Chosen a Com'tee to Lay out sum Land to Joseph Church accordingly we have gon and laid it out as follows

Beginning at the Mill Siver on the west Side of the way N. then Runing Mt. seven rods & half to a Chesnot Stadel which we

Markt H. W then runing south forty rods to a pine Stadel that we marked H W thence Mt. seven rods & half this gives him one acre & seven score rods of Land which we find by the surveyers Plan to be the same in quantity that the town had of him for a highway by us

ELIJAH BAKER
EBENZAR DICKINSON Jn'r

the Vote taken respecting the Dividing of the Distrect into two Districts or parishes was paist in the Negative by a tie of Votes

Test ALEXANDER SMITH Moderator

Meeting April 21. A D 1772

Att a Lagal meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Tuesday y'e twenty first day of april at fore of the Clock afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted John Billings Moderator

Voted to accept of the Jurers as they have bin agreed on by the Select Men

Test.

Meeting August 17th. 1772

Att a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 17th Day of August 1772 at three of the Clock afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Josiah Chauncy Esq. Moderator

Voted To approve the Doings of the Select Men in employing M'r Gay Ballantine to Keep the Grammar School

Voted to Improve M'r William. Guy Ballentine for Six months from his first Entering in the School

Voted to Chuse a Com'tee to transact the affaire of schooling for the six month mention,d above

Voted that Moses Dickins Lev't John Dickinson & John Billings be the Com'tee above

Voted that the Com'tee above Should weight on Mr. William Gay Ballantine & inform him of the Votes of the town as they Stand above &c

Attest JOSIAH CHAUNCY Moderator

Meeting Aug'st 17th [24?] A d 1772

At a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y'e twente of August 1772.

Voted as follows (viz)

Voted John Billings Moderator.

Voted to Take sum further measures for the removal of the Countey Rode through John Billings Lot

Voted to Shew the Courts Com'tee that is Coming to vew the County rode through John Billings Lot the Rode Call,d the North rode

Attest

Meeting January y'e 18 AD 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Monday y'e 18th Day of January A. D. 1773 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to Adjurn to the School hous Near Landlord Fieles

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin Red and Consider,d

Voted to adjurn for the Space of one hour and then Meet at this Place

Voted that the Assesers be Impowered to Leavey a tax sufficient to Defreay the Debts of the District as they have been paist & also to pay the Rev'd David Parsons his Salery as in years paist

Voted upon the Petition of Peletiah Smith Jn'r and Nathan Dickinson for Damages that they Sustain by the Countey rode being Laid across their Land in the third Division to Chews a Com'tee to go on the Land and See wheather they Shall have any Damages or Either of them and if any how much and make Report to the Next Meeting

Voted that Moses Dickinson Esq Chauncy and Solomon Boltwood be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted upon the Petition of Simeon Strong Esq. to Cheuse a Com'tee to see Wheather M'r Strong shall have the Liberty of Purchasing a gore of Land before

his house as mention in the Warrant (viz) twelve feet wide from Near the Place whear his old Barn formerly stood runing to a point at the west side of his Lot & for what sum and that they make report to the Nex Meeting

Voted Dani Kellogg, Esq Chauncy, Ins. John Field, be a Com'tee for the Purpus above &c

Voted to Raise thirtey five Pounds for the use of schooling in the year Insewing

Voted that the Assesers be Impowerd to rais the money mentioned above for the use of Schooling and give auder for the Same

Voted that article of providing for more schooling for Small Children in English Schools Shall Be Postponed to March Meeting

Voted that the Select men Shall waight on Abner Lee for the Performance of his agreement of repairing the Heighway across the Second Division of Lots Near the South End of Amherst till the Laist Day of May Next and if it is not then Repar,d the Select Men Shall auder the Treasurer to Prosecute Abner Lee.

Attest. MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting March y'e 8th A D 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on Monday y'e 8th Day of March A D 1773 at Nine of the Clock in the morning

Voted as follows (viz) Voted John Billings Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman Destrict Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq. Treasurer

Voted John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Nath'll Dickinson Ebenezar Mattoon Ruben Dickinson Select men

Voted Ebenezar Mattoon Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assesers

Voted Ruben Ingram Simeon Smith Constables

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then meet at this place

Voted Nathan Dickinson, Jonathan Smith, Isaac Hubard Daniel Dickinson, Martain Kellogg Thomas Hastings Surveyers of highways

Voted Martain Smith Hezekiah Belding Joseph Church tything Men

Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath. Coleman fens Vewers

Voted Elishar Dickinson Elisher Goodale, Aaron Warner Jn'r Simeon Elmer Joseph Smith Hogreeves

Voted Jonathan Dickinson Jn'r Jonathan Moody Jn'r Deer reeves

Voted Thomas Hastings Seler of Leather

Voted that Hogs shall run ring,d and yoke,d according to Law from the Midle of May Next to the first of September Next

Voted Martain Smith oliver Cowles Philup Ingram Wardens

Voted to allow five month schooling to Each Quarter of the town in the Insuing year in that Part of the year when the Select men Shall Judg most profatable for the Inheabitants

Voted to adjurn to the School hous Near Landlord Fields hous

Voted that the Preambulatry of the Line between Hadley & Amherst Lately run by the Selectmen of Hadley and Amherst be accepted as follows (viz) from the bay rode to the W. M. tree Standing at the Soutwest Corner of John Billings Lot and no further; this being the report of the Selectmen as by them returned

Voted to Allow Peletiah Smith the Sum of three pounds as reward for the County rode Lately Laid a Cross his Lot in the third Division

Voted to Allow Nathan Dickinson Jn'r. three pounds a[s] a reward for the County Road Laid a Cross his Lot in the third Division.

Voted to accept of the Report of a Com'tee Chosen to Set of a bit of Land to Simeon Strong Esq. before his dore (viz) beginning twenty feet wide against where his old barn stood runing to a point against

his barn as it now Stands Containing about Six Rods apprais,d at three shillings

Voted to Allow Nathen Dickinson Jn'r Preserved Clap Provence Rate for the year 1771

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

The Report of the Select Men for a Heighway which is as follows (viz)

Amherst february y'e 8th 1773 this May inform that we the Subscribers have Laid a town Rode through Peter Smiths Lot whear on his hous Stands (viz) on the South Side Beginning at the East End of Said Lot, Beginning at a Stake and Stones Runing Westerly two hundred & twenty eaight rods west on Said Smiths South Line Said way to be two Rods in width

MOSES DICKINSON
JOHN DICKINSON
JOHN BILLINGS
NATH'LL DICKINSON
RUBEN DICKINSON
} Select Men of Amherst

the above report of the select men for a Rode Voted

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

The Report of the Select men for a Heighway which is as follows (viz)

Minutes of a highway Laid out by the Select men of Amherst on the flat hills, beginning at a Stake & Stones near the foot of the hill and runing N. 7 deg 30 min Est 19 rods th [en] N. 22 deg Est 14 rods to a black oak stadle then N 10 deg Et. 25 rods the N. 33 deg 30 min Et. 24 rods to a black oak tree then N. 26 deg East 12 rods & [half] to a Stake, then North 23 rods then N. 13 deg 30 min Et. 28 rods to a heap of Stones, then N: 10 deg wst. 19 rods & 12 Links then N: 3 deg 30 min Wt. 22 rods, then N 5 deg 40 min Et. 15 rods to a heap of Stones then North 44 rods to Shutesbury road said rode to be four rods in wedth.

P'r Simeon Parsons Surveyer

the Above reporte of the Select men for a Rode Voted

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

Meeting April y'e 14th. A D 1773

Att a Legal Meeting of the Distrect of Amhearst holden at the Meeting Hous on Wednesday the forteenth Day of April A D 1773 at one of the Clock after Noon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to be at the Expence of twelve month schooling for gramer schooling in the Winter Ceason

Voted to Build two Meetinghouses in the Distrect of Amherst

Voted that Timothey Green Shall have Liberty to fence and Improve all the town way between the front of his lot and the County Rode for the space of two year and then fling it up to Commonage weell seeded to grass

Voted to Exchange Sum of the Heighway with Noah Dickinson for sum of his Land

Voted to Chuse a Comt'ee for the purpus above and that they make Reporte to Sum futer Meeting

Voted De'n. Jonathan Edwards Daniel Kellogg and Joseph Church be a Com'tee for the Purpus above

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhe ibitants to be free,d from the Charge of Building two Meeting houses (as has bin Voted above) was Consider,d and Paist in the Negative &c

Meeting January 3d: AD 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Monday the 3d Day of January 1774 at Nine of the Clock in the Morning and Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept of the Bills as they have bin Red and Corrected and that the assesers be impowered to Leavey a tax for raising the Same

Voted to allow the Re'vd David Parsons his Salery as in years paist and that the Assesers Leavey a Tax for Raising the Same

Voted to Adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one Hour and then to meet at this place

Voted to Make answer to the Petition of Sundry of the Inheabitats of Amherst and the Citation thereby Sent from the general Court

Voted to Choose a Com'tee to Draw up said answer and forward the Same to the general Court.

V Moses Dickinson Lev't John Dickinson. Moses Smith Ruben Dickinson Joseph Williams Eli Parker Ebenezar Dickinson be the Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted to Leave the Conduct of the affears for which the Com'tee [were] Chosen to be Conducted by them as they Shall think best for the Town

Voted to Divide the District of Amherst by an East and west Line from the Centre of the Meeting House as it now Stands by a Large Majority

Voted to Chews a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted To refer it to the former Com'tee Chosen to make Answer to the Courts Citation

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting January 26th AD 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting Hous on Wetnesday y'e 26th Day of January at Nine of the Clock in y'e morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to Choose two Agents to Refer a Petition to the General Court to obtain the Division of the Distrect of Amherst as it was voted in the Laist Meeting

Voted that Moses Dickinson be one of the Agents above

Voted that Rubin Dickinson be the other

Voted that these Agents be impowerd to Draw Money out of the Treasurey to Defray the Necessary Chardges of S,d Petition

Voted that the Select Men be Impowerd to give auder upon the Treasurer to Draw out twelve pound of money for the above S,'d Agents to Defray their Necessary Chardges of S,'d Petition

Voted to Authourise two Men to Make answer to the general Courts Citation in Consequence of a Petition of a Number of the Inheabitans of Amherst

Voted Ruben Dickinson be one of the Agents

Voted Moses Dickinson Be the other

Voted to Chews a Com'tee of Corrispondence to Refer with the Com'tee of Corrispondance in the Town of Boston

Voted Ruben Dickinson Joseph Williams Moses Dickinson Jacob McDaniel Nath'll Dickinson be the Com'tee affore S,'d

Voted that the Com'tee Draw up a Letter for the Com'tee of Corrispondance in Boston to Be Red in the Next Meeting

MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting March 14th 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 14th Day of March A D 1774 at Nine of the Clock in the morning. Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted Seth Coleman District Clerk

Voted Simeon Strong Esq District Treasurer

Voted Ruben Dickinson John Dickinson Moses Dickinson Nath'll Dickinson Ebenezar Mattoon Selectmen

Voted Moses Dickinson John Dickinson Ruben Dickinson Assesers

Voted Oliver Cowles John Williams Constables

Voted Henerey Jonson Frankling Enos Coleman Gideon Dickinson Jn'r Edward Smith Tything Men

Voted To adjurn this Meeting for the Space of one hour and then Meet at this Place

Voted Abner Adoms Nath'll Dickinson 3d Alexand Smith Nathan Dickinson Jn'r Noah Smith Timothey Green Gideon Dickinson Surveyers of Highways

Voted to Do Heighway Worke this year by the Pole

Voted that Town Heighways Shall be Put in Repar Equally With the County Rods

Voted Asael Moody Martain Kellogg Dearrifs

Voted Jonathan Cowles Nath'll Coleman fens Vewers

Voted Thomas Hastings Seler of Leather

Voted Moses Cook, Jonathan Moody Ja'r John Billings Daniel Church Barnabas Sabins Samuel Henery Hogrifs

Voted Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted Noah Dickinson, Leut. William Boltwood Isaac Hubbard Wardens

Voted to allow Samuel gonlds Bill for Sweeping the Meeting hous and fastening the Dors (viz) £1-0 4

Voted to Chews a Com'tee to wait upon the Courts Com'tee that is to Repare to Amherst to Discide the Dispute respecting the Division of Amherst &c

Voted Ruben Dickinson Moses Dickinson Moses Smith be the Com'tee above

Voted to Allow the Com'tee above a Reasonable reward for their Services

Voted to Accept of the Letter of Correspondance Drawn up by the Com'tee Chosen y'e Laist Meeting to Refer with the Com'tee of Correspond in Boston as it hath bin Now red

Voted that the same should be Recorded on y'e town book &c

Att MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Letter of Correspondence

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the District of Amherst in the County of Hampshire on Wednesday the 26th of January Laist, it was Voted that the Letter Receivd from the Com'tee of Correspondance in the town of Boston should be red and Consider,d—whereupon the following gentlemen, vizt. Moses Dickinson Ruben Dickinson, Jacob McDaniel, Nathain'l Dickinson, & Joseph Williams were Chosen and appointed a Com'tee to prepar an answer at their Next Annual Meeting in March when the following was submitted to the Consideration of Said District

To the Respectable Committee of Correspondence in the town of Boston

Gent.'n

We think it needless to Recapitulate all those grievancses Which we suffer in Common with our opprest Brethren and Neighbors. Sufficient to Say that tho we have been Long silent we are not insensible of the oppressions we suffer and the ruin which threatens us or regardlis of the Diabolical Designs of our Mercenary and Manevolent Enemies Foreign and Domestic and are ready not onley to risque but even to Sacrifice our Lives and Properties in Defence of our just rights & liberties at Present we are only Galled not subdued and think ourselves heapy in having such vigilant and faithfull gardians of our rights in the Metropolis on boom we Can Depend to Call on us in Season to unite with our suffering Countrymen in the Common Cause of America we hope and beg that you will Still Persevere in that most Honorrble & importent Imployment of watching over us with the Same Care and Fidelity which has hitherto Distinguish,d & grately Dignified your Characters in the Estimation of all who have a just sence of that best of Blessings Liberty & an Equal abhorence of that tame submition which tends to Entail on our Posterrity that worst of Curses Slavery

Every Avenue to the Royal Ear seems to be blocked up by the gross falsities & Designd Misrepresentations of those from sum of whom at Least we might have Expected better things but there is a King who Cannot be Deceived & who will not be mocked who has pointed out a never failing resource when Petitions & Remonstances, Truth & justice are unsuccesfully opposed to Tironey and Oppression fals-

hood & Corruption & when you feel that impulse which will not brook t er D - lay, the wisdum of the People will naturally write in the mode of the best Appeal, to which you most Distant Brethren Expect to be summoned unless prevent,d by a sudding unexpected & very favourable Chandge of affears. their are whom Justice forbids to live but whom we would spare to Convince the world we Despise their utmost hate & malicious Cunning. the Colonies united are invinciably free & we dout not you are Convinc,d that the Preservation of that union outweighs every other Consideration and is at Present our most important Concern. while that is secure we have nothing to fear but may Laugh at all attempts to Enslave us we know of no punishment which Can be Inflicted on those vilens in Exalted Stations adequate to their own reflections & remorse accompanyd with our Neglect, Contempt & Detestation but at the same time should think ourselves happier if Everey banefull Noxious weed Could by aney means be Eradicated from this our fair garden of Liberty. we Entirely approve & Concurr with you in every measure hitherto adopted & Conducted & return our grateful thanks to the People of Boston & the Neighboring towns in a Perticuler manner for the seasonable Indeavours & mandley opposition to prevent the Landing of the East India Companys teas which Plan we are Convinc,d was artefully Projected to open the gate for the admition of Tyrany & oppression with all their Rapacious followers to Stalk at Large & uncontrol,d to Ravage our fare & Dear bought Possessions. Everey measure which shall appear Conducive to the Publick good we are warranted to asure you will always be approved & support,d by a Large Majorrity in this District and [y?]our Continual Correspondence as Long as you shall think occation requires meet with Due respect & attention we are in behalf of the District very Respectfully

Gent'm

your oblig'd & most hble, servts

MOSES DICKINSON
REUBEN DICKINSON
JACOB McDANIEL
NATH'LL DICKINSON
JOSEPH WILLIAMS
} Committee

Voted that the above be Recorded and an attes'd Copy be Transfer'd to the Honourable Com'tee of Correspondance in the town of Boston

Meeting May 23d 1774

At a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst Holden at the Meeting hous on Monday the 23d Day of May A D 1774 at two of the Clock in the afternoon Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Ruben Dickinson Moderator

Voted to send Ruben Dickinson as an agent to the general Court to hear the Repourt of the Counts Committee

Voted that the above said agent shall Conduct the affear as he shall think best for the town

Voted to furnish the agent with money

Voted to Impower the Selectmen to Draw out S ventpound of money for the agent above to Defray his Necessary Chardges

Voted to Accept of the Jurys as they have bin red &c

RUBEN DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting Sept. 20th 1774

Att a Meeting of District of Amherst on Tuesday y'e 20th of Sept 1774 Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Nath'll Dickinson Moderator

Voted to Chose a Com'tee of Correspondence as a Standing Com'tee

Voted Moses Dickinson Joseph Eastman Jacob McDaniel John Dickinson & Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r be the Com'tee affore Said

Voted to Chose three Deligates to Meet in behalf of the District at Northampton on y'e 22d of Inst Sept.

Voted Moses Dickinson Jacob McDaniel & John Dickinson be the Deligates affore Said &c

NATH'LL DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting October 3d 1774

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inheabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs on Monday the third day of October A. D. 1774 Pursuant to the Worrant

Voted that M'r Moses Dickinson be a Moderator to Govern said meeting

Voted Unanimously to Send one Delegate and but one to attend at the Provential Congress at Concord affore Said

Voted that M'r Nath'll Dickinson Ju'r be the Person to attend to the Provincial Congress at Concord above Mentioned

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Meeting January 2d 1775

Att a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to Vote for a Representative on Monday the second Day of January 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal Worrant for that purpose

Voted that Nath'll Dickinson Ju'r be a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

Voted to Send one Delagate & but one to attend a' Provential Congress to be holden at Cambridge on y'e first Day of february Next or sooner if Call'd for

Voted that Nath'll Dickinson junr be the Delegate to attend the Provential Congress to be holden at Cambridge as affore S,d

Attest Nath'll Dickinson for moderator.

Meeting February 23d

Att a Legal Meeting of the District of Amherst holden at the Meeting hous on thirsday y'e twenty third Day of February 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the morning Voted as follows (viz)

Voted Moses Dickinson Moderator

Voted to allow M'r Nath'll Dickinson Jr's Bill for going to the two Provential Congresses Paist

Voted to allow all the Bills as they have bin red & Corrected for the year Paist

Voted to allow M'r Josiah Peirs our Proportional part of his Chardges for going to attend the general Court Laist may Cession

Voted to Impower the Assesers to Leavey a tax Sufficient to Defray the Bills that have bin red & Corrected & also to Pay the Rev'd David Parsons,s Salery as in years paist

Voted to Rais a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the Schooling the Town is indebted for in the year Paist to be Assest in the Next tax

Voted to Adjurn for the space of one hour and then to Meet at this Place

Voted to Purchase one Hundred & fifty weight of Powder & Lead & flints answerable

Voted that the Money for the Payment of the Same be immediately assest

Voted that all the Provence Money Still Remaining in the hanes of the Constables & not Paid to Hearison gray be Paid in to Henry Gardner Esq of Stow

Voted to Chose a Com'tee to Receive the Money of the Constables & Pay it to Henry Gardner Esq of Stow & take his Recp't for the Same

Voted to Chose five Men as a Com'tee for the Purpus above

Voted that Joseph Eastman Nath'll Dickinson Ju'r Ebenezar Boltwood Simeon Clark & Moses Dickinson be the Com'tee above

Voted that the Constables Shall Pay in all the Provence Money yet remaining in their Hands & not Paid to Hearison Gray, to the Com'tee above Chosen for that Purpus

Voted that if the Com'tee or Either of them Produce a Recp't from Henry Gardner Esq of the Payment of any Part of the

Provence tax to him this District will Indemnifi Said Com'tee for such money so paid

Voted to Chose a Com'tee who shall Borrow or other wise Procure such Sum or Sumes of money as yet Remain to be Collected by the Constables Chosen by this District for the year 1774 and pay the Money to Henry gardner E q of Stow

Voted that Joseph Eastman Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r Ebenezar Boltwood Simeon Clark & Moses Dickinson be the Com'tee for y'e purpus above

Voted that when the Constables for the year 1774 have Collected the Provence Tax for said year that they Shall Pay the Same to the above Com'tee Chosen for that Purpus

Voted that if the Constables for y'e year 1774 Produce a recp't from y'e Com'tee or Either of them for the Payment of any part of the Provence Tax to them or Either of them this District will indemnifi ye Sd. Constables for such Money so paid

Voted that this District will use their Utmost Indeavour to ascist the Constables in Collecting their taxes

Voted to Chose a Com'tee of Inspection who shall Exert themselves in Causing the association of the Continental Congress as also a Resolve of the Provincial Congress Pais,d on y'e first Day of December laist for Carying into Execution the association to be truly adhear,d to & Executed as also to suppress all Pedlers & Petty Chapmen

Voted Noah Dickinson Nathan Dickinson Hezekiah Belding Joseph Williams, Isaac Hubbard Ebenezr Dickinson, Gideon Dickinson John Billings Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r be the Com'tee above

Voted to Chose a Com'tee who shall Cary a subscription Paper to the several Pheamileys within this District to give them an opertunity to subscribe such things as they shall Pleas for the Relief of the Poor of Boston & Charletown and Make Return thereof to March Meeting

Voted Ebenezor Mattoon Ebenezar Eastman Jonathan Dickinson Jn'r Joel Moody Nathan Dickinson jnr be the Com'tee above

Attest: MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote in Town affairs on Tesday the twenty eighth Day of March A D 1775 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal Warrant for that purpose

Voted. That Moses Dickinson be a Moderator to govern said meeting

Voted. That Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r be the Clerk for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r be the Treasurer for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Moses Dickinson, John Dickinson, Reuben Dickinson, Nath'll Dickinson and Ebenezer Mattoon be the Select men for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Joseph Eastman, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r and Moses Dickinson be the Assessors for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Robert Emmons and James Merrick be the Constables for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Timothy Green, Isaac Hubbard, Reuben Dickinson, Henry Franklin, Thomas Bascom, and Jonathan Dickinson Jn'r be surveyors of Heighways the ensuing year

Voted. Thomas Bascom, Nath'll Dickinson 2'd, Edward Smith, Joel Billings Elezer Cowls, and Elisha Smith be the Tythingmen for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Joseph Dickinson & Eli Parker be Fence viewers for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Barnabas Edy, Abner Adams, Israel Dickinson, Elezer Cowls,

Samuel Boltwood, Gideon Dickinson Jun'r and John Billing Jun'r be Hogreaves for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Thomas Hastings be a sealer of Leather for this District the ensuing year

Voted. That Elisha Ingraham be added to the Committee appointed to receive and pay the Province monies to Henry Gardner Esq'r

Voted. That Philip Ingraham be paid the sum of one Pound four Shillings by order of the Select men out of the District Treasury

Voted. That this District Doth aprove of Elisha Ingraham as a Tavern keeper and recommend it to the selectmen that they grant him their approbation for the same

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst assembled at the meeting hous in S'd District on the fourth Day of May 1775—

Voted. John Billings Moderator

Voted. To choose a Committee to provide Stores for the support of the Army collected at Cambridge & Towns around

Voted. M'r McDaniell, Simeon Smith, John Billings, Daniel Kellogg, Alexander Smith be a Com'tee for that Purpose

Voted. That the Committee chosen act Discretionary in providing stores

Attest JOHN BILLINGS Moderator

Voted. Upon the general clause in the Warrant Joseph Eastman Moderator

The Town enters into the examination of M'r Josiah Chauncey

Voted. Not satisfied with his answer to the charge laid against him.

Voted. That s'd Chauncey should Burn all his Commissions he had ever received from the King, and also commit his Fire arms into the hands of the Select men of the District

Voted. To Adjourn the meeting to the s'd meeting house untill Tensday the ninth Day of May Current at one of the Clock in the Afternoon

Voted. Not satisfied with the answer given by John Nash to the charge made against him

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Pursuant to Adjournment on Tensday the Ninth Day of May at one of the Clock in the afternoon

Voted. that John Nash should Destroy his Commission received from Authority that then they would be satisfied

Voted. That the Arms of Josiah Chauncey should be returned to him

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

Att a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote for a Representative on Wednesday the twenty fourth of May 1775 at four of the Clock in the Afternoon Pursuant to a Legal Warrant for that purpose

Voted. To choose one Delegate to attend the Provincial Congress to be holden at Watertown on the thirty first instant

Voted. That said Delegate be chosen by hand vote

Voted. That Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r be the Delegate to attend the Congress to be holden at Watertown on the thirty first of this Instant May

Voted. That the select men Borrow the sum of Six Pounds to Defray the expence of said Delegate unless paid him by the Constables before he attends the Congress

Voted. That the Committee of Correspondence & Inspection heretofore chosen continue in their offices

Voted. That said Committees act accordingly to the Directions of Congress

Attest MOSES DICKINSON, JOHN DICKINSON, NATH'LL DICKINSON } Select men of the District of Amherst

At a Legal meeting of the Inheabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to Vote for a Representative on the tenth Day of July 1775 Pursuant to a Legal warrant for that purpose

Voted. To choose one Representative and but one to attend at the General

Assembly to be holden at Watertown on the Nineteenth Current

Voted. That M'r Moses Dickinson be the Representative to attend the Assembly abovesaid

JOHN DICKINSON } Select men
Attest } of the District
NATH'LL DICKINSON } of Amherst

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Qualified to vote in Town affairs on thursday August the tenth 1775

Voted Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted—To choose a Committee to go to M'r Parsons & Desire him to attend the meeting

Voted—That John Dickinson, Nath'll Dickinson & John Billings be the Committee

Voted. To suspend any further proceeding respecting the Rev'd David Parsons for the present

Voted—That Simeon Smith, Thomas Hastings, & D'n Simeon Clarke be added to the Committee of Correspondence

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

[Henceforward in the records Amherst is always spoken of as a town. Legally, however, it did not become a town until the Act of March 23, 1786.]

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (Qualified to vote in town affairs) on Wednesday the twenty fourth Day of January AD 1776 at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a Legal warrant for that purpose

Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq'r Moderator

Voted—To allow the Bills that have been read

Voted. To empower the Assessors to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Bills that have been read as also twenty six Pounds to support schooling and the Rev'd David Parsons's salary

Voted—To Grant a sum of money for the support of schooling

Voted—That twenty six Pounds be granted for the support of schooling

Voted. To choose a Committee of Correspondence

Voted—that the said Committee consist of seven

Voted. That Capt'n Reuben Dickinson, Leivt Simeon Smith, Moses Dickinson Esq Leivt Elijah Baker, Simon Fobes, Ebenezer Mattoon and Martin Kellogg be the said Committee

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the twenty fifth Day of March, 1776

Vot'd Moses Dickinson Esq'r Moderator

Vot'd Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk

Vot'd Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Treasurer

Vot'd Joseph Eastman, Joseph Williams, Moses Dickinson Esq'r L't Simeon Smith, Simeon Dickinson selectmen

Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq'r Joseph Eastman Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Assessors

Voted—Martin Smith, & Lemuel Moody Constables

Voted Daniel Kellogg, Jonathan Smith, Josiah Warner, David Smith, L't John Dickinson, Joel Billings, Surveyors of Highways—Voted Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Voted. Joseph Dickinson, Nath'll Coleman Fence Viewers—Voted—Elisha Ingram, Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r James Merrick John Nash, Elisha Smith, Tythingmen—Vot'd Henry Franklin, Ebenezer Boltwood, Zacheriah Hawley, Elezer Cowls, John Lee, Joseph Peck, Hogreeves.

Vot'd Jacob McDaniell, Noah Dickinson, Noah Smith, Wardens.

Voted. To Choose Nine men for a Committee of Correspondence

Voted. That Moses Dickinson Esq'r Elijah Baker, Cap't Reuben Dickinson

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r James Merrick, L't Simeon Smith, Joseph Eastman John Billing, Ebenezer Dickinson be the Committe of Correspondence

Voted—That Hogs Yoked & rung according to Law be allowed to run in the Commons from the middle of May to the middle of August—Voted—To raise a sum of money to repair the highways—Vot'd—To raise Sixty Pounds to repair the Heighways—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight Pence per Day for work in summer and two shillings P'r Day for work in fall

Voted—That the Assessors proceed by the Laist List to make the Assessment

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to assess the Sum of Sixty Pounds to repair the Heighways—Vot'd—That Samuel Henry have Leave to take earth from under the meeting-house to make Salt Petre

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified to vote for a Representative May the 22'd. 1776

Voted—M'r John Billing a Representative the ensuing year

Attest MOSES DICKINSON, JOSEPH WILLIAMS, SIMEON DICKINSON } Select men of Amherst

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 13th 1776

Voted Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r to take Recognizances of Debts

Voted—That should the Honourable Congress, for the safety of the united Colonies in America: Declare them Independant of the Kingdom of Great-Britain; We the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst solemnly engage with our lives and fortunes to support them in the measure—And that this Resolve be transmited to our Representative in General Assemby as instructons to him

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (qualified to vote in town affairs) the 20th Day of January 1777

Vot'd Joseph Williams Moderator

Vot'd two Shillings per day for work Done at Bridges in the fall & Spring

Vot'd two Shilling & eight pence pr Day for work Done at Bridges in Summer

Vot'd Seven Shillings & Six Pence per Hundred for two inch Oak Plank

Vot'd To allow the Bills as read and corrected

Voted. To Grant twenty five pounds to procure a town Stock of Ammunition

Voted. To Grant thirty pounds to pay for Schooling

Vot'd to adjourn til tomorrow at twelve O'Clock

At a meeting pursuant to the above adjournment

Vot'd To empower the Assessors to Assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this town which shall be sufficient to pay the Bills that have been read & accepted

Vot'd To empower the Assessors to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town which shall be sufficient to pay the Rev'd David Parsons his salary untill the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of this town in March next

Vot'd to improve English Schoolmasters only—Vot'd—That the conduct of the Rev'd David Parsons is not friendly with regard to the Common Cause

Vot'd To Choose a Committee to inform M'r Parsons of the preceeding vote

Vot'd That D'n Clarke, D'n Edwards, Joseph Williams, Moses Dickinson Esq,r and Elijah Baker be the Committee

Vot'd That the Treasurer be Directed to Collect the money Due to the town to procure a town stock of Ammunition

Attest JOSEPH WILLIAMS Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst March 24th 1777

Voted, Joseph Eastman Moderator

Voted Nath'l Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Voted, Moses Dickinson Esq'r, John Billing, Capt Reuben Dickinson Elijah Baker, Josph Williams Select-men

Vot'd Moses Dickinson Esq'r John Billing, Nath'l Dickinson Jun'r Assesors.

Voted, John Billing, Cap't Reuben Dickinson, Elijah Baker, Nath'l Dickinson Jun James Merrick, Joseph Williams, Joseph Dickinson be the Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety

Voted, Martin Kellogg and Moses Dickinson Jun'r Constables

Voted, Henry J. Franklin, Eben'r Eastman, Ezra Rood, Timothy Green Jun'r David Blodgett, D'n Simeon Clarke Surveyors of Highways

Voted, Oliver Cowls, Chiliab Smith, Enos Coleman, Elijah Hastings Tythingmen

Voted, Eben'r Mattoon, Elisha Ingram, Simeon Dickinson, Edward Smith Reuben Ingram Wardens.—Voted Simeon Peck Jun'r Elihu Hubbard Nath'l Dickinson 2d Ezra Rood, Isaac Goodale Jun'r Hogreeves

Vot'd Joseph Dickinson, Enos Coleman Fence Viewers—Vot'd L't Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Vot'd Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted, to adjourn to Wednesday next one O'Clock Afternoon—At a meeting pursuant to the above adjournment, Voted, to repair the Highways by a rate—

Voted, to Grant forty Pounds in addition to what was not expended of the last highway rate for the repair of ways the present year—Voted—To allow two shillings & eight pence for work in summer and two shillings for work in the fall—Voted—That if any Person refuse to work his proportion of the Assessment for the repair of Heighways, the Assessors be empowered to issue their Warrant to the Surveyor to Collect the money of such Delinquent. Vot'd to empower the Assessors to Assess the sum of forty pound on the inhabitants of this town to repair the publick roads—Voted That the surveyors first call upon those to work who Did not Pay the whole of the last Assessment for the repair of Highways

Attest JOSEPH EASTMAN Moderator

At a Town Meeting Holden at Amherst the 21st Day of April 1777 Capt Eli Parker Chosen Moderator—

Voted—To accept the Nomination made by the Select men of Amherst for filling the Juror Boxes for the Superior & Inferior Courts

Attest ELI PARKER Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst holden there on the 26th Day of June 1777

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq'r Moderator—Voted Eben'r Mattoon, Joseph Williams, Henry J. Franklin, Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r, & Hezekiah Belding be a Committee to prosecute Breaches of the regulating Act

Voted. To Adjourn this meeting to Monday ye 7th Day of July next at 4 o'Clock P. M.

July 7th Being met according to Adjournment the Select men exhibited to the Town a List of the Names of Such Persons as they supposed to be Inimical to the Interest of the United States (viz) L't John Field, Eben'r Boltwood, Isaac Goodale, William Boltwood

Voted To Adjourn this meeting to tuesday ye 15th Day of July next at 1'o Clock afternoon July 15'th. Being met according to Adjournment. Voted that L't John Field's name be erased from the list laid before the town by the Select men—Voted. To reconsider the last preceeding vote—Voted. Elijah Baker procure and lay before the Court the Evidence that may be had against the Persons thought Inimical by the town—Voted. To Adjourn this meeting to Teusday the 12th Day of August next at 1'o Clock afternoon

August 12'th being met according to Adjournment

Voted—that L't John Field's Name be struck out of the List

Voted that Eben'r Boltwood's Name be struck out of the list

Voted—that Isaac Goodale's Name be struck out of the list

Voted—that William Boltwood's Name be struck out of the list

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January y'e 12'th 1778

Voted—Cap't Reuben Dickinson Moderator

Voted to accept the Bills as read and corrected

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum of money on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Bills that are accepted as also to Pay M'r Parsons his Salary for the year past and to pay what was not paid him for his Salary ending with April 1777

Voted. To allow twelve shillings P'r Hundred feet of two inch oak plank

Voted. To Grant fifty pounds to support the schools

Voted—that the Assessors make the town rate by the last list taken

Attest

REUBEN DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst March y'e 11'th 1778

Voted M'r John Billings Moderator—Voted. To consider the second Article in the Warrant—Voted—That Persons not owning Independance on the Crown of Great Britain agreeable to the Declaration of Congress shall not vote—Voted. Nath'l Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and town Treasurer—Voted. Moses Dickinson Esq'r Joseph Williams, Cap't Ruben Dickinson Elijah Baker, John Billing Select men—Voted. John Billing, Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Esq'r Assessors—Voted—Joseph Williams, Cap't Reuben Dickinson. Elijah Baker, Joseph Dickinson, Josiah Warner, L't Eben'r Matoon, John Billing Committee of Correspondence &c.

Voted. David Blodget & Henry J. Franklin Constables

Voted. Stephen Smith, Waitstill Dickinson, Simeon Peck, Daniel Kellogg Jun'r Noah Smith, Ezra Rood Surveyors of Highways

Voted—Oliver Clapp, Joseph Dickinson, Joel Moody, Simeon Peck Tythingmen—Voted L't Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather

Voted John Ingram, James Hendrick, Deer reeves

Voted—Noadiah Smith, Enos Cowls, Elijah Baker Jun'r Azariah Dickinson 2'd Simeon Peck Jun'r Paul Newton, Aaron Dickinson Hogreeves

Voted—Timothy Green, Eben'r Mattoon Fence viewers

Voted. that the Select men proportion the money Due on the Highway rate to the surveyors for the present year

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst November 14th 1777

Voted Mr John Billing Moderator.

Voted to Grant fifty Pounds for the purpose of maintaining schools the current year

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 26th 1778

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq'r Moderator

Voted Enos Dickinson Constable

Voted. To release Lemuel Moodey from collecting the whole of the rates assessed on Oliver Smith for the year 1776—Voted—To reimburse to Lemuel Moodey the sum of four Dollars for a Counterfeit Bill received by him in part for a rate collected by him—Voted—To allow six shillings P'r Day for work Done at Heighways the preceeding year—Voted to adjourn ot thursday the 16th Day of April next at Nine o'Clock forenoon

April 16th 1778. Then being met according to adjournment—Voted—To Choose a Committee to seat the meeting house; That said Committee Consist of seven: That Elijah Baker L't Tho's Hastings Cap't Reuben Dickinson Cap't. Eli Parker John Billing, Jonath'n Dickinson Jun'r and Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That the Committee proceed according to Age, Estate & Qualifications.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst April 30th 1778

Voted Moses Dickinson Esq'r Moderator—Voted To except of the Nomination made by the Select men for Jurymen—Voted—That swine Yoked & ring'd according to Law be allowed to run at large —Voted. To Leave it to the Select men of Amherst to agree with the Select men of Leverett for the settlement of the Line Between Amherst & Leverett by leaving it to indifferent men from the Neighbouring Towns

Attest MOSES DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst September 4th 1770

Voted Elijah Baker Moderator—

Voted Isaac Hubbard and Nath'll Dickinson 2'd Collectors of Taxes—

Voted. That the Select men Proscute an Appeal from a Judgment of the Inferior Court in favour of Simeon Strong against David Blodget—and prefer a Petition to the General Assembly respecting the same

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov'r 5th 1778

Voted John Billing Moderator.—Voted. To Grant one hundred pounds for the use and maintenance of schools—Voted—That the Persons who send scholars shall provide wood for the schools—Voted—That the Select men be empowered to Draw money out of the town treasury to Defray the expence they have been at or may be at in Defending a suit brought against David Blodget by M'r Simeon Strong—

Voted—That the Town is Desirous to have a new Constitution formed—Voted—That the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town confer with the Committees of the Neighbouring Towns respecting calling a County Convention to consider some method to procure a Constitution

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov'r 1778

Voted Elijah Baker Moderator—Voted that the Select men build a House for the Use of the Poor of this Town of such bigness and in such place as they shall Judge fit—Voted—That a school be kept three months at the North School house also three months in the west Street in the Northern part of the Town the ensuing winter—

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Dec'r 28th 1778

Voted M'r John Billing Moderator—Voted—To give fifteen shillings P'r Day for work Done in the summer season—Voted—To give twelve shillings P'r Day for work Done in the fall season—Voted—To give Seven Dollars P'r Hundred feet of Oak Plank—Voted—To allow the Assessors three Dollars P'r Day for making rates—Voted—An addition of five shillings P'r Day to the Assessors for taking the valuation List—Voted—to Allow the Bills as read & corrected—Voted—To empower the Assessors to assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this town sufficient to pay the Debts allowed, and the Rev'd David Parsons his yearly Salary—Voted—To Grant the sum of One hundred & sixty six pounds for the maintenance of schools and to empower the Assessors to Assess the same on the Inhabitants of this town—Voted—To choose a Committee to take some measures for Annexing the first Division of Inner Commons in the Town of Hadley to the town of Amherst—Voted—That Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Joseph Eastman and Capt Parker be the Committee—and report their Doings at

the next meeting—Voted—To empower the Select men to Draw eighteen pounds out of the Town Treasury to Defrays charges in the Town—Voted—That the Select men Draw fifteen pounds out of the Treasury for charges arisen in said town

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 7th 1779

Voted—Elijah Baker Moderator—Voted—That the money raised for the use of Schooling in the North part of this Town be expended in the North School house—Voted—To hear the Petition of Joseph Boles and choose a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by him and report at the next town meeting—Voted—Cap't Dickinson, Joseph Eastman, Hezekiah Belding a Committee for the purpose above mentioned—Voted—That Capt Dickinson go to Hadley and examine the records concerning the Grant of the Priviledges of the stream near Clarkes mill to certain Persons and make report at next March meeting—Voted—To adjourn the present meeting to Thirsday next at one O'Clock afternoon to meet at the meeting house—Being met according to Adjournment—Voted—To ratify all votes passed at a meeting on the twenty eighth Day of December 1778—Voted—That Eben'r Mattoon be added to a Committee on Joseph Boles's petition

On the report of Capt Dickinson—Voted—That the Town of Amherst hath a right to the Stream and Privileges on Fort River where Clarke's and other Mills now stand

Attest ELIJAH BAKER Moderator

Joseph Eastman's Mark for Cattle and Sheep is—a Crop on the Near ear and a Slit on the top of the off ear—

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst March 8th 1779

Voted—Joseph Williams Moderator—Voted Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Clerk & Treasurer—Voted—To Adjourn for the space of one hour—Met according to adjournment—Voted—James Merrick, Nath'll Dickinson jun'r, Joseph Dickinson, Josiah Warner L't Eben'r Mattoon jun'r Select men—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson jun'r James Merrick D'n Simeon Clarke Assessors—Voted—Isaac Hubbard & John Pelis Constables—Voted—Maj'r Nath'll Peck, Timothy Green, Henry J. Franklin Gideon Handerson L't Eben'r Mattoon Committee of Correspondence &c—Voted—Stephen Cole, Ezra Rood, Oliver Cowls, Thomas Bascom, Thomas Hastings Jun'r Surveyors of Highways—Voted—Elisha Smith, Alex'r Smith Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Simeon Clarke Jun'r Tythingmen—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Ebenezer Mattoon Jun'r Waitstill Dickinson, Joel Billing, Thomas Bascom, Simeon Elmore, Isaac Marshall, Hogreeves—Voted—Joel Moody & Martin Kellogg Deer reeves—Voted—L't Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Voted—Oliver Cowls and Timothy Green fence viewers—Voted—Oliver Clapp Collector of Taxes—Voted—That the Surveyors of Highways call on people to work at highways and lay their accounts before the Town at their meeting in January next for allowance—Voted—To adjourn to Monday next at one O'Clock afternoon---Met according to adjournment—Voted—To Choose a Committee to write to the Town of Hadley respecting annexing a certain Tract of Land (Lying in Hadley and adjoining to the town of Amherst) to the Town of Amherst—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r L't Eben'r Mattoon Jun'r Maj'r Nath'll Peck be the Committee—Voted—That said Committee be Directed to inform the Town of Hadley that in case the whole of one Division of Lots lying in Hadley and adjoining to the Town of Amherst and being North of D'n Clarkes South Line is annexed to the Town of Amherst the town of Amherst will maintain all roads and Bridges within the bounds of S'd Land—Voted—That the Committee heretofore chosen to view the

Land petitioned for by Joseph Boles be Directed to consider the matter further and report at the next meeting—Voted—D'n Simeon Clarke, Elijah Baker & Gideon Handerson be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Capt Eli Parker and make report at the next meeting—Voted—That Joseph Eastman, Maj'r Nath'll Peck, L't John Dickinson be appointed to prosecute all Breaches of the Act to prevent Monopoly and Forestalling —Voted—To Build a house for the Poor of the Town of the same Bigness as the foundation already laid for that purpose near Clarkes mill—

Voted—To set said House in Cowls Lane so called—Voted—Hezekiah Belding, Eben'r Dickinson, Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Cap't Eli Parker and Elijah Baker be a Committee to build said house —V —That the Select men be Directed to procure a sum of money on Interest or otherwise to pay Maj'r Nath'll Peck for Boarding Moses Hawley & wife according to the Agreement of former Select men—Voted—That the Select men be Directed to procure money on Interest and agree with and Pay Simeon Peck for Boarding Eunice Hawley

JOSEPH WILLIAMS Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Nown of Amherst March 29th 1779

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Moderator—Voted—Waitstill Dickinson & Oliver Clapp Constables—Voted—Simeon Dickinson and John Ingram Surveyors of Highways—Voted—To Grant the sum of three Hundred Pounds for the support of the Poor of the town and replace money taken out of the Treasury and that the assessors be empowered to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town—

Voted—To Discontinue the Highway two rods in width in front of Cap't Parkers Barn and from thence running Northerly & Southerly on an Angle to the east side of the Heighway so far as to contain twenty rods of ground; and grant the same to Cap't Eli Parker—Voted—To Discontinue the Highway where Joseph Boles's tan yard now is three yards in width and six rods in length and grant the same to Joseph Boles he paying the value of the same—Voted—To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the east end of Eben'r Mattoons Lot four rods in width and sixteen rods in length and grant the same to Joseph Boles he paying the value thereof

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jun'r Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 17th 1779

Voted. That they chuse at this time to have a new Constitution or Form of Government made—Voted—That they will impower their Representative for the next year to vote for the calling a State Convention for the sole purpose of forming a new Constitution

Voted—To accept the List of Persons to serve as Petit Jurors laid before the town by the Select men

Attest EBEN'R MATTOON Jun'r Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 12th 1779

Voted Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Moderator After the Due Consideration of the Proceedings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston—M'r Eben'r Mattoon Jun'r was chosen to represent this Town in a State Convention to be holden at Concord the 14th instant

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jun'r Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 9th 1779

Voted L't Eben'r Mattoon Jun'r Moderator—Voted—To chuse a Committee to consider the Doings of a State Convention Begun and held at Concord on the 14th Day of July last. Said Committee to report to this meeting at the time to which it shall Adjourn—Voted—Cap't Reuben Dickinson, Elijah Baker, John Billing,

Moses Dickinson Esq'r Gideon Handerson, Hezekiah Belding & Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That John Billing, D'n Simeon Clarke Cap't Eli Parker, Joseph Eastman, Eben'r Mattoon be a Committee to Converse with the Rev'd David Parsons respecting a settlement with him for all monies Due to him from this town on or before the first Day of May 1779 said Committee to report to this meeting at the time to which it shall adjourn—Voted. To Grant L't Eben'r Mattoon Jun'r forty Pounds for his expence and service in attending a State Convention at Concord on the 14th Day of July last—Voted. To Adjourn to Teusday the 17th Instant at 3 O'Clock afternoon

August 17th 1779 Being met according to Adjournment–Voted–That Elijah Baker be appointed to carry on the Suit commenced against David Blodget by Simeon Strong —Voted, That the Treasurer be Directed to Tender to M'r Parsons the Nominal Sum Due to him for Salary

Attest EBEN'R MATTOON Jn'r Moderator

At A Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 21st 1779

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r being appointed Moderator—Voted—To Grant the sum of four hundred and thirty four pounds ten shillings to replace money taken out of the Treasury to Pay Bounties & Mileage to soldiers and that the Assessors be Directed to assess the same and order it Paid into the Treasury immediately—Voted—To Chuse a Committee of Nine to Determine how many Schools shall be kept in Town the present year and at what places—voted. That Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r James Merrick Josiah Warner D'n Clarke Moses Dickinson Esq'r Cap't Reuben Dickinson L't Hastings be the Committee afores'd

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jun'r Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 3d 1780

Voted. L't Eben'r Mattoon Moderator—

Voted to Adjourn to the house of Elisha Ingram—Voted—To adjourn the meeting to thursday the 6th instant at 12 O'Clock in the morning then to meet at the meeting-house; Being met according to Adjournment—Voted—To adjourn to the house of Elisha Ingram—Voted To allow two shillings and six pence p'r Day for work Done at Highways in summer and two shillings p'r Day for work Done at Highways in the fall and spring the said sums to be Doubled twenty four for one, Also to allow twenty four for one for all Debts examined and accepted by the Town—Voted—That the Selectmen settle with Aaron Warner for sounding the Conque and sweeping the meeting house —Voted—To Allow the Debts as read and corrected—Voted—To adjourn to thursday next at Nine O'Clock in the morning to meet at the meeting house

Being met according to Adjournment voted to adjourn to the house of Maj'r Wales—Voted—To Grant the sum of fourteen hundred Pounds for supporting schools—The Committee heretofore appointed to Determine how many schools shall be kept in the Town of Amherst and at what places, Report as follows (viz) That there be six schools kept in said Town, that is to say, one in the west street in the Northern part of the town; one in the street leading from Ezra Roods to Andrew Kimbals; one at each school house in or near the Middle of the town; one in the west street at the southern part of the town: one in the school house at the southern part of the Town.—Whereupon voted—To accept the report of said Committee with this alteration that the school ordered to be kept in the street leading from Ezra Rood's to Andrew Kimbal's be kept at Samuel Henry's the present year—Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to pay the

Debts allowed and M'r Parsons his usual salary and fourteen hundred pounds for the support of schools—Voted—That there be eighteen months schooling in town the present year—Voted—That L't John Dickinson, Moses Dickinson Esq. and Timothy Green be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Daniel Church and report at March meeting—Voted to allow the Constables for Counterfeit money—Voted—That Gideon Dickinson, John Billing, Cap't Eli Parker James Merrick and Eben'r Mattoon be a Committee to Conter with the Rev'd David Parsons respecting a settlement with him for the monies Due to him from the town.

Attest EBEN'R MATTOON Jun'r Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 13th 1780

Voted—M'r John Billing Moderator—Voted—That the Select men Prefer a Petition to the General Court praying that the time appointed for the payment of the Tax last granted by said Court may be postponed two months—Voted—That M'r Abraham Hill be prohibited from Preaching in this Town in future and that Cap't Dickinson, Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r & James Merrick be a Committee to write to him concerning the matter

Attest

Nathan Dickinson Jun'r his Mark for Cattle and Sheep

A Crop of from the off Ear two half Penny's on the same ear one on the upper the other on the under side

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 30th 1780

Alexander Smith chosen Moderator, the following votes passed

Voted. Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Town Treasurer—voted—Cap't Eli Parker, L't Tho's Hastings, Alexander Smith, Jonathan Dickinson and Martin Kellogg, Select-men—voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Hezekiah Belding and Elisha Smith Assessors—voted—Timothy Green Jun'r Thomas Bascom and Ebenezer Dickinson 2'd Constables—voted—Gideon Dickinson, Ezra Rood Nathan Dickinson Jun' John Field Jun'r Enos Coleman and Joel Moody, Surveyors—vôted—Samuel Hastings, Hezekiah Belding, John Morton Jn'r—Elijah Hastings, Isaac Goodale and Jonathan Smith, Tithingmen—voted—Oliver Cowls and Enos Coleman, Fence viewers—voted—John Morton Jn'r and Elisha Smith Sealers of Leather—voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber—voted—Tho's Hastings Jn'r & Noah Smith Deer reeves—voted—Israel Dickinson Zacheriah Hawley, Simeon Cowls, Moses Warner, Benjamin Smith Hogreeves—Voted—That the Surveyors lay an account before the Town at their meeting in January next for allowance of all work Done in their respective Districts, and that there be allowed to those Persons who shall work at Highways the Common price of labor at the time they shall work—voted—To Pay M'r David Parsons three salaries (which will be Due to him the first Day of May next) in Silver together with the interest and that the Assessors assess the same seperate from all other Taxes—voted—Cap't Eli Parker, Gideon Dickinson & Hezekiah Belding be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Zacheriah Hawley and report to the next meeting—voted—Moses Dickinson Esq Nath'll Coleman and Asahel Moody be a Committee to view the land petitioned for by Aaron Warner and report to the next meeting—voted—That the Committee appointed to view the Land petitioned for by Daniel Church report to the next meeting—Voted—To Grant Maj'r Nath'll Peck his part of the schoolmoney—voted—To Grant Waitstill Dickinson one Hundred Dollars for Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes---voted—To Grant six hundred pounds for the use of the poor of the Town and the Assessors are empowered to assess the same

ALEX'R SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 20th 1780

Cap't Eli Parker chosen Moderator—the following votes passed—

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned and Grant the same to Daniel Church on Condition that said Church give security for the Payment of fourteen Bushels of Rie for the use of the Town—(viz) Beginning at the south east corner of Samuel Church's lot, thence North 32 deg east 36 rods, thence north 22 deg east 20 rods, thence North 10 deg east 21 rods and half, thence west 10 deg north 10 rods,to said Church's east Line, thence South 15 deg west to the first mentioned corner, containing three acres and seventy nine rods of ground—voted—To Discontinue the Highway staked out by the Committee for Zacheriah Hawley and Grant the same to said Hawley on Condition that said Hawley give security for the payment of ten Bushels of Indian Corn for the use of the town—voted—To Discontinue the Highway (viz) twenty three rods of Ground at the rear Aaron Warner's Lot and Grant the same to said Hawley on Conditon that he give security for the payment of seven Bushels and an half of Indian Corn for the use of the town—voted—To repair the Doors, windows, seats, underpinning and Plastering of the meeting house

The Question being put whether the town will be at any further charge respecting the suit between Strong & Blodget, passed in the Negative—voted—To accept the List of Jurors laid before the town by the Select men

Attest ELI PARKER Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst—June 15th 1780—

Voted Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Moderator

Voted To Grant the sum of five Hundred Pounds for the support of the Poor of the Town and for Repairing the Meeting House and that the Assessors Assess the same and order paid immediately into the Town Treasury—Voted. To Grant Waitstill Dickinson Ninety Dollars received by him in Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes—Voted—That Simeon Dickinson, Cap't Reuben Dickinson, Nath'll Dickinson Jr Cap't Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq John Billing and Gideon Handerson be a Committee to seat the meeting house

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jr Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the fourth Day of September Anno Domini 1780

Votes were brought in for a Governor as follows—viz—

The Hon'ble John Hancock Esq'r Forty three

The Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r eight

Votes for a Lieutenant Governor as follows—viz.

The Hon'ble James Warren Esq forty Nine

The Hon'ble Artemas Ward Esq'r three

Votes for Senators as follows—viz—

Joseph Hawley Esq'r forty seven
John Bliss Esq. forty four
David Smead Esq. forty four
Samuel Mather Esq'r thirteen
Noah Goodman Esq'r Nine
John Billing—twenty four
John Hastings Esq four
Elisha Ingram one
John Chester Williams Esq two
Nathan Dickinson Jr two
David Sexton Esq two
Caleb Strong Esq'r two
Eleazer Porter Esq'r two

ELI PARKER JONATHAN DICKINSON THOMAS HASTINGS	Select men and Town
ALEX'R SMITH MARTIN KELLOGG NATH'LL DICKINSON JR	Clerk of Amherst

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Oct'r 16. 1780

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Representative

Voted. To Grant the sum of Ten thousand Pounds to pay for Beef agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of Sep'r 25th 1780 and that the assessors be Directed to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town immediately and Order the same Paid according to said Resolve—Voted—M'r John Billing Maj'r Nath'll Peck & Cap't David Rich be a Committee to procure the Beef ordered by the Resolve aforesaid

ELI PARKER
ALEX'R SMITH
Attest THO'S HASTINGS
JON'TH DICKINSON JN'R
MARTIN KELLOGG
} Select men of Amherst

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Amherst Dec'r 4th 1780

M'r John Billing Chosen Moderator

Voted. To raise three Hundred Pounds to maintain Schools—Voted—that there be six schools set up in the same places where they were kept the last year—Voted—That each school be kept three months—Voted—To accept the report of the Committee appointed to purchase Beef and Discharge said Committee

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Dec'r 18th 1780

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—To appoint a Committee to enquire and report to the town how and in what manner soldiers may be best procured to serve in the Continental Army for three years or During the war—Voted, That Cap't Parker, Cap't Dickinson L't Hastings, L't Smith, L't Aaron Dickinson, John Billing, Elijah Baker Moses Dickinson Esq'r be a Committee for the purpose abovesaid—Voted—That it is the opinion of this Town that the Tender Act shall not be repealed—Voted—That Cap't Parker, John Billing Elijah Baker L't Mattoon L't Hastings, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r and Joseph Dickinson be a Committee to seat the meeting house that said Committee proceed according to Age Estate and qualifications and report at next January meeting

Voted, To adjourn to thursday the 28th Instant at one O'Clock afternoon

Being met according to adjournment—The following Report of the Committee was read and accepted (viz) That the Town will give to each soldier that shall inlist for this town for three years or During the war the sum of three pounds hard money P'r month the Town to receive their wages or in Liew thereof the town will give to each soldier that shall inlist as afores'd forty shillings p'r month in hard money in addition to their Continental Pay; also that the Town will give each soldier that shall inlist as afores'd two shirts, two Pairs of stockings and two pairs of shoes yearly in case he fails of the same from the Continent or State and the Town Direct the Militia Officers to make the above proposals to their respective Companies in the name of the town—Voted. To Grant Maj'r Nath'll Peck and Simeon Peck their proportion of the money granted for schooling

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jn'r Moderator

Isaac Marshal's Mark for Cattle and Sheep A Crop on the left Ear and a Swallows Tail on the right Ear

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At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst—Dec'r 28th 1780

Nath'll Dickinson Jnr was chosen Moderator—Voted To allow those Persons who hired men to go into the Army for six or three months the summer past the several sums by the[m] advanced as a Bounty or Hire to said men—Voted—That the said Bounties or Hires be allowed at the rate of fifty Dollars p'r bushel for rie—Voted—To allow each Person the

whole sum by him advanced or engaged to the soldiers aforesaid and such of them as are to receive the soldiers wages shall Pay the same to the Treasurer of this Town—Voted. To Grant the sum of four Hundred & sixty Pounds New Currency to procure Beef and Grain according to a resolve of the General Court of the 4th of December instant—That the assessors assess the afores'd sum of £460 on the Inhabitants of this Town—Voted—That John Billing Moses Dickinson Esq'r and Cap't Parker be a Committee to procure the Beef and Grain aforesaid—Voted—That Eben'r Mattoon, Eben'r Dickinson and Moses Cooke be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Joel Billing and report at the next March meeting

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON Jur Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January 8th 1781—Cap't Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted, To allow the Debts as read and corrected, and that the Assessors be empowered to assess a sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted. To allow three Shillings P'r Day for work done in summer and two Shillings P'r Day for work done in the fall—Voted, To allow three shillings P'r Day to the assessors—Voted, To allow nine shillings P'r hundred for two inch oak Plank—voted—To accept the report of the Committee for seating the meeting house—voted—To adjourn the meeting to thursday next at one O'Clock afternoon—Being met according to adjournment—voted—That the Select men should take part of the money raised for schooling to Pay Debts contracted for the support of the Poor—Voted—To appropriate the remainder of the money raised to procure Beef, to Pay for the Horses purchased for the Continent

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 19th 1781

Major Nath'll Peck was chosen Moderator

Voted—John Billing, Elijah Baker, Isaac Hubbard, Gideon Handerson and Moses Dickinson Esq'r. Select men—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Town Treasurer—Voted—John Billing, Moses Dickinson Esq'r and Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Assessors—Voted—John Ingram, L't Aaron Dickinson and Nath'll Alex'r Smith Constables—Voted—Timothy Green Jun'r Simeon Clark Jn'r Medad Dickinson, Josiah Warner and Asahel Moody Tythingmen—voted—John Billing, Martin Kellogg and Oliver Clapp Church Wardens—voted—Nathan Dickinson Jun'r, Stephen Cole, Nath'll Dickinson 2d, Ezra Rood Jonathan Dickinson Jn'r and Ruben Ingram Surveyors of Highways—voted—John Billing and Joseph Dickinson Deer Reeves

voted L't Tho's Hastings Sealer of Leather

voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted—Nath'll Coleman and Abner Adams Fence viewers

Voted—Ambrose Williams, Zacheriah Hawley, Abner Adams, Timothy Smith, Giles Church, John Field Jun'r Samuel Smith, Noadiah Warner and Jacob Warner Jr Hog reeves—Voted—That Daniel Kellogg, Dea'n Edwards and L't Hastings be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Noah Dickinson and report what is proper to be done—Voted—To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the front of Joel Billing's Lot, beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot and extending Six rods in width and thirty rods in length and grant the same to Joel Billing on Condition that he Pay the treasurer of Amherst for said Land at the rate of forty shillings pr. Acre

Voted—To Appropriate so much of the money raised for schooling as to Pay what remains due for Horses bought for the Continent

Voted—To Choose an Agent to carry on the Suit Pending between M'r Strong

and M'r Blodget and that Elijah Baker be the Agent

Voted—To Choose a Committee to settle with the Heirs of the Rev'd David Parsons for the Salaries Due to them, and Elijah Baker, John Billing and Gideon Handerson were chosen for said purpose

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 2d 1781

Votes for a Governor being called for were brought in as follows (viz) for his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r fifty seven for the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r Nine Votes for a Lieutenant Governor being called for were brought in as follows (viz) for his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r forty three for the Hon'ble Artemas Ward Esq'r Nineteen

Votes for four Senators being called for were brought in as follows (viz)

For John Bliss Esq'r fifty seven
David Smead Esq'r thirty Nine
John Hastings Esq'r forty
Noah Goodman Esq'r forty
Timothy Damelson Esq'r eighteen
Samuel Mather Esq'r eighteen
Caleb Strong Esq'r eighteen
Elisha Ingram three

Attest MOSES DICKINSON, JOHN BILLING, GIDEON HANDERSON, ELIJAH BAKER, ISAAC HUBBARD, NATH'LL DICKINSON JR } Select men and town clerk of Amherst

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 2d 1781

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—That each Person who advanced any money as a Hire to the Soldiers who served six or three months in the Army last summer be allowed the same at the rate of fifty Dollars pr. Bushel for rie; and in case any Person shall Draw the soldiers wages, such Person be allowed one fourth part in addition to said wages and the Assessors are empowered to assess the Inhabitants of this Town for payment of the same

Voted—To repair the Highways by a Tax—Voted—That Moses Dickinson Esq'r John Billing, and Cap't Eli Parker be a Committee to settle with L't Mattoon respecting a quantity of Gun Powder in his possession—Voted—To Grant the sum of fifteen Pounds for the support of the Poor—the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 18th 1781

Moses Dickinson Chosen Moderator

Voted. That the Select men be a Committe to provide the town with a Preacher

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 25th 1781

Cap't Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted. That as soon as convenient the Town will be in a way for the Resettlement of the Gospel Ordinances among them.

Voted. That the Town are willing to Concur with the Church in all proper measures for the Resettlement of the Gospel Ministry and Ordinances

Voted—To choose Seven Persons as a Committee to join with the Committee of the Church to procure a resettlement of the Gospel Ordinances in this Town—That Martin Kellogg, Elijah Baker, Isaac Hubbard, D'r Seth Coleman, Nath'll Dickinson Jr Elisha Smith and James Merrick be the Committee aforesaid. Voted. To give said Committee the following instructions (viz) that when occasion requires they shall Confer with the Committee of the Church and endeavor a union and harmony in all measures which relate to the Resettlement of Gospel Ordinances in this town—Voted—That the Committee be Directed to employ M'r David Parsons to supply the Pulpit for the present—Voted—That the Assessors take the Continental money now in the Town Treasury to Pay the State Tax—Voted—That Nath'll Coleman, Simeon Pomroy and M'r Daniel Cooley be a Committee to view the Land

Petitioned for by Stephen Smith apprise the same and report to the Town what is proper to be Done theron

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 6th 1781

Cap't Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Choose a Committee to Procure the Beef assessed on the Town by the General Court and that John Billing, Joseph Eastman and Cap't Eli Parker be the Committee—Voted—That the Committee be Directed to Borrow the hard money to Purchase the Beef and give Obligations in behalf of the town for the same —Voted to Pay the Executor of the Rev'd David Parsons D'd the whole of the salaries Due to him on the first Day of May 1781 in Gold or Silver with the interest Due on the same and the Assessors are Directed and empowered to assess the same on the Inhabitants of this Town

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned and Grant the same to Stephen Smith on Condition that Said Smith Pay the Treasurer of this Town at the rate of three Pounds fifteen shillings p'r acre for said Land—viz) Beginning at the south west Corner of said Smith's Lot extending two rods and three quarters west, then Parellel with the Street fence ten rods and an half, then angurlalry fourteen rods and an half so to join the west end of Said Smith's Lot containing fifty one rods of ground

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 30th 1781

Elijah Baker was chosen moderator

Voted—To choose a Committee to Hire the Men required of this Town to serve in the Army for three months and that Maj'r Nath'll Peck, L't Jonathan Dickinson, L't Joel Billing, L't Aaron Dickinson and L't Ezra Rood be the Committee—Voted—that the Town will Pay such sums as the Committee shall engage to the Men they may hire—that the Committee give obligations to the Men they may hire in behalf of this Town for such sums as they shall engage to Pay them—

Voted—to Pay the money engaged by the Committee afores'd to the soldiers they may engage on or before the first Day of January next—voted that the said Committee be empowered to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to March the men they may hire Voted. To Pay the money that may be engaged by the Committee appointed to Purchase Beef on or before the first Day of January next

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Sep'r 13th 1781

Isaac Hubbard was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Committee appointed to procure a Preacher be directed to employ M'r David Parsons as a Preacher in this Town for the space of three months after the Term for which he is now engaged i sexpired

Attest ISAAC HUBBARD Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst—November 7th 1781

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—To grant the sum of twenty four Pounds for the mantenance of Schools---Voted—To choose a Committee to Determine how many and at what places Schools shall be kept in the Town the present year—Voted—That L't John Field, Daniel Kellogg, Elisha Smith, Josiah Warner L't David Smith, L't John Dickinson and Elisha Ingram be the Committee afores'd—

Voted—That the Select men and town Treasurer be a Committee to settle with those Persons to whom the town is indebted as they Judge fit

Voted—That Levi Smith and Jonathan Kellogg be Discharged from paying any proportion of the money engaged to the men hired in this Town to serve three months in the Army the present year

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst December 17th 1781

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator.

Voted—That the Committee appointed to procure a Preacher have a Discretionary power in procuring a Preacher for the present.—And that the aforesaid Committee be Directed as Soon as may be to procure a Candidate for the Ministry to Preach in this Town

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JUN'R Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 7th 1782

Josiah Chauncy Esq'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow two Shillings and five pence P'r Day for work Done at the Highways in Summer and one Shilling and eight pence P'r Day for work Done at the Highways in the fall—

Voted—To allow five Shillings P'r hundred for inch and half oak Plank—Voted—To allow two Shillings P'r hundred for Brick—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight Pence P'r Day to the Assessors for their Service—voted—to allow twenty shillings pr. thousand feet of Boards—

Voted—To allow the Bills as read and corrected and the assessors are Directed to make a Tax on the Inhabitants of this town for the payment of the same—Voted—To Grant the sum of twenty four Pounds for the maintenance of Schools and the Assessors are Directed to Assess the same—

voted—to Discharge the Constable for collecting the Taxes Assessed on Simeon Peck Jun'r in the year 1780—Voted—That Daniel Kellogg, L't Tho's Hastings and Cap't David Rich be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for by Philip Edwards and report to the town at their next March meeting what is proper to be Done concerning the same—Voted—To release to Maj'r Nath'll Peck and Simeon Peck their proportion of the School money—Voted—That John Billing, D'n Eleazer Smith and Josiah Chauncy Esq'r be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Reuben Smith and report to the Town at their next March meeting what is proper to be done respecting the same—

Voted—To Grant M'r David Parsons five Dollars p'r Sabbath for thirty nine Sabbaths and the assessors are Directed to Assess the same for his payment

Attest JOSIAH CHANCY Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 25th 1782

John Billing was chosen Moderator

Voted—Elijah Baker and Joseph Eastman to go to Shutesbury on the 30th of January to meet the Towns that meet there

Voted—That the Treasurer Sell the New money for Notes and Grain at the best lay he can—Voted—That the Treasurer exchange the Notes in hand for the Notes the Town owes

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March y'e 4th 1782

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Town Treasurer the Current year

Voted. Elijah Baker, Gideon Dickinson, Elisha Smith, Jonathan Smith and L't Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Selectmen—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Elisha Smith and Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Assessors—Voted—David Cowls, Ebenezer Boltwood and Nath'll Dickinson 2d Constables,

Voted, to excuse David Cowls from serving as Constable and Moses Cooke Jun'r who was hired by Said Cowls was chosen in his Stead—Voted—Martin Kellogg, Joseph Eastman Jr David Blodget, Enos Coleman, Stephen Cole and Moses

Cooke Surveyors of Highways. Voted. E'n John Nash, Simeon Dickinson, Simeon Clark Jun'r Elijah Hastings Reuben Ingram and Martin Kellogg, Tythingmen —Voted—Stephen Smith, David Blodget, L't David Smith, and D'n Eleazer Smith, Wardens

Voted—Oliver Cowls and Enos Coleman fence viewers—Voted—Gideon Dickinson Jun'r Enos Cowls, Perez Moody, Ephraim Kellogg and Enos Dickinson Hog Reeves —Voted—L't Tho's Hastings Sealer of Leather and Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted—To Grant the Sum of fifty Pounds to repair the Highways and the Assessors are Directed to Assess said sum on the Inhabitants of this Town—Voted—To allow three Shillings P'r Day for work Done at Highways in the Summer and two Shillings P'r Day for work done at the Highways in the fall—Voted—That Martin Kellogg, Joseph Eastman Jun'r David Blodget, Enos Coleman Stephn Cole and Moses Cooke be Collectors of the Highway rate—

Voted—That D'n Eleazer Smith, Josiah C[illegible]ey Esq'r and Enos Dickinson be a Committee to view the Land petitioned for b[illegible] [illegible] and report to the Town what is proper to be Done concerning the same

Voted—To accept the Report of the Select men and establish that part of a Highway as Described in their Report (which is as follows:) to wit—

Amherst March 2d 1782—A Return of the Survey of Part of the Town Road leading from the County Road leading to Shutesbury, to Williams's Mill Standing on the Mill River in the west Division of Amherst as follows (viz) Beginning at the Bridge Standing on M'r Dana's South line, running North Seven Degrees west Seven rods to a Stake and Stones; thence North thirty five Degrees west forty Nine rods to a Black oak tree marked H W. thence to Reuben Ingram's South line twenty two rods thence west on the North Side of Dana's farm seventy rods to the County road leading to Sunderland the above Described road is two rods in width

JOHN BILLING
GIDEON HANDERSON } Select men of Amherst
ISAAC HUBBARD

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter Described and Grant the Same to Reuben Smith on Condition that Said Smith give Sufficient Security to the Town Treasurer within one month to Pay for the Same at the rate of three Pounds ten Shillings p'r Acre. Said Lands Described as follows (viz) Beginning at the front of Alex'r Smith's farm, near the top of the Hill by the Mill and running west twelve rods and an half to a Stake and thence north twenty eight rods to a Stake Standing ten rods west from Said Alex'r Smith's front, thence northeasterly eighteen rods to said Smith's front, containing two Acres and three quarters.—Voted—To Discontinue a Piece of the Town way lying east of L't Noah Dickinson's home lot and joining to it, from the South east corner of Said Lot, one rod wide, running northwardly thirty rods and from thence northwardly to a point at the west line of Said Town way, containing thirty two rods and an half of ground and Grant the Same to L't Noah Dickinson on Condition that the said Dickinson give a Legal Title within one month to the Inhabitants of Amherst of a Piece of Land lying at the north east Corner of Said Dickinson's home lot, Six rods and an half wide at the east side, running westwardly ten rods to a point, bounded east on the Town way and Northwardly on the County Road, containing thirty two rods and an half

Voted. To Discontinue a part of the Highway at the east end of Aaron Warner's House Lot, Lying from the Northeast corner of Said Warner's lot eight rods South, and from the west line of said Highway four rods and an half east, con-

taining thirty six rods of ground, and Grant the same to Philip Edwards, on Condition that said Edwards Shall within one month give Sufficient Security to the Town Treasurer to Pay for the same at the rate of three pounds p'r acre

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 1st 1782

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept of the List of Jurors presented by the Select men. the remaining Articles in the Warrant were Negatived by the Town

Attest

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst (Quantified to Vote for a Governor &c on Monday the first Day of April AD. 1782

The Votes for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r Fifty seven

For the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r Twenty three

The Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r thirty three

For the Hon'ble Azor Orne Esq'r Twenty six

Votes for four Senators were as follows —viz—

For the Hon'ble John Bliss Esq'r Fifty six

For the Hon'ble Noah Goodman Esq'r Twenty four

For Capt Ebenezer Mattoon—Twelve

For Maj'r Gen'l Timothy Danielson Twenty seven

For the Hon'ble Caleb Strong Esq'r Twenty seven

For Nathaniel Dickinson Esq'r Twenty five

For Oliver Phelps Esq'r Six

For David Smead Esq'r Nineteen

For the Hon'ble John Hastings Esq'r Fifteen

For Warham Parks Esq'r Eleven

For the Hon'ble Samuel Mather Esq'r three

For M'r Elisha Ingram—Four

For M'r John Billing—Two

For M'r Elijah Baker—one

Attest JONATHAN SMITH, GIDEON DICKINSON, JONATHAN DICKINSON JN'R, ELIJAH BAKER, ELISHA SMITH } select men of Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jnr Town Cler'k

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Amherst April 8th 1782.

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator—

Voted—To Invite M'r David Parsons to Preach here on Probation for Settlement in the Gospel Ministry, for the Space of two months.—Voted—That the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit, be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Pay M'r Ely for his Services.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 17th 1782

Elijah Baker was chosen Moderator

Voted; to Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter mentioned (viz) Beginning at a Stake and Stones near the South Side of Aaron Warners Lot and running North to the South west corner post of said Warners Lane leading from his house to the street, the said Land containing twenty rods, and Grant the same to Aaron Warner on Condition that said Warner Pay the Treasurer of this Town for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town at the rate of fourteen Pounds p'r Acre for said Land

Voted, That L't John Field, Isaac Goodale and Maj'r Nath'll Peck be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Moses Cooke Jn'r and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same and to sell said Land at Publick Vendue

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 17th 1782

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

—Voted, To Concur with the Church in their vote to give M'r David Parsons an invitation to settle in the Ministry of the Gospel in this town—Voted—That in Case M'r Parsons will settle in the Ministry in this town, To Grant him three hundred pounds for a settlement to be paid in the following manner, to wit, one hundred pounds within one year after his settlement, and one hundred pounds within two years after his settlement and one hundred pounds within three years after his Settlement; Also to grant him Ninety pounds as a Salary for the first year after his Settlement and Ninety five pounds for the Second year after his Settlement, and one hundred pounds for each year afterwards during his Ministry here—

Voted, that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be Directed to employ M'r Parsons to Supply the Pulpit untill he gives his Answer to the foregoing proposals—and that Said Committee inform M'r Parsons of the above—mentioned Votes—Voted, to adjourn for the Space of four weeks to meet at the meeting house at three of the Clock in the afternoon

Jn y 15th 1782. Being met according to Adjournment—

Voted—To Provide twentyfive Cords of fire wood for M'r Parsons the first year after his Settlement in the Ministry here, and to add five Cords annually untill it shall amount to forty Cords, which shall be annually provided for him afterwards During his said Ministry

Attest GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 12 h 1782

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

[The Rev'd Dav]id Parsons's Answer to Proposals heretofore made to him for Settling in the Ministry [was rece]ived and read in the words following (viz)

[To the] Inhabitants of Amherst in Town meeting Assembled on the 12th Ins't August 1782

Gentlemen—

Inasmuch as you have passed Sundry Votes respecting my encouragement and support in case I should settle with you in the work of the Gospel Ministry; and as it is always expedient that the meaning of Parties in Transactions of this Nature should be well explained and clearly understood, to prevent any Dispute or misunderstanding between them afterwards, I beg Leave to express to you my sense, of the meaning of your Proposals as I understand them, which is as follows (viz) The several sums which you offer me in Settlement and Salary, I understand to be in Silver money, Spanish Milled Dollars at six shillings, or other Silver or Gold equivalent. And as to the Payment of my Settlement, I understand that you will procure me Real Estate to the value, in case, any such can be procured to my acceptance; otherwise that you will pay me the money according to your first vote.—And as to the Article of Wood I understand, that the most that I am ever to expect is forty Cords of fire wood of good quality in a year; unless the town shall voluntarily make addition on being satisfied that forty Cords is not sufficient for my reasonable use—Give me Leave further to add that I must understand it to be your intent, that no advantage shall ever be taken of any Paper Currency Depreciated, or of any act of Government that may be passed, to avoid the fair honest and equitable intent of the Contract. If this be your meaning as I have expressed my sense of it, and if nothing more than I know of shall appear to prevent you may expect an Answer in the Affirmative to the Churches Call

your affectionate friend and servant
DAVID PARSONS

Voted, To accept the foregoing answer as the true intent and meaning of the Town expressed in their Votes referred to by M'r Parsons in his answer aforesaid

Voted—That the town Treasurer be empowered, on behalf of the town to give Security to M'r Parsons or to any other Person of whom an Estate may be purchased for his Settlement, for the sum heretofore granted him as a settlement. —Voted—To Pay the usual expence that may attend M'r Parsons's Ordination; and that L't John Field, Elijah Parker, Josiah Chauncey Esq'r, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r M'r Daniel Cooley, Cap't Eli Parker, Stephen Smith, L't Aaron Dickinson & M'r Eben'r Boltwood be a Committee with a Discretionary Power to make the usual and Decent Preparations for the ordination and to give invitations to whom they think fit for their Attendance —Voted—That the Treasurer be empowered to advance monies to the aforesaid Committee to Pay the expence they may be at in making said Preparations for the ordination

Attest GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 6th 1782

M'r Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—John Billing, Elijah Baker and Martin Kellogg Delegates to attend a County Convention to be holden at Hatfield

Attest—GIDEON DICKINSON—Moderator

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst December 9th 1782

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Concur with the Church in their Vote to invite an Ecclesiastical Council to look into the Affairs of the Church, and give their advice respecting the Brethren who stile themselves the aggrieved, and have withdrawn themselves from the Communion of the Church—Voted—that the Town will Pay the expence of said Council—Voted—To choose a Committee to make the necessary Provision for the support of the Council—Voted—That L't John Field, Stephen Smith, Martin Kellogg, M'r Daniel Cooley, L't Aaron Dickinson, Tho's Hastings Jn'r M'r Eben'r Boltwood, L't Ezra Rood and Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r be the Committee aforesaid—

Voted—that the Committee afores'd be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Defray the expence they may incur

Attest—GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 20th 1783

Gideon Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To choose four Wardens, viz, Stephen Smith, David Blodget, John Billing and Isaac Goodale.

Voted—To allow three shillings p'r Day to the Assessors for their Service—Voted —To allow three Shillings p'r Day to the Committee who have been appointed by the town to attend Conventions—Voted—To allow one Shilling for Horse hire to the men who attended the Convention at Hatfield and one shilling and four pence to those who attended the Convention at Shutesbury—Voted—To accept the Bills as read and corrected—and to empower the Assessors to assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted—To Grant thirty six pounds for the maintenance of Schools in this Town and that there be six Schools kept in said Town—Voted—That the Assessors be empowered to Assess such sum as shall be Due to the Rev'd David Parsons for his Salary on the first Day of May next, also to Assess one hundred pounds granted to M'r Parsons in part for his Settlement

Attest GIDEON DICKINSON Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 3d 1783

M'r Jacob McDaniell was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Town will make answer to the Petition of Nathan Dickinson and others lately prefered to the General Court—Voted—That Simeon Strong Esq'r Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Moses Cooke, D'n Eleazer Smith, Cap't Eli Parker E'n John Nash, M'r Daniel Cooley, Tho's Hastings Jun'r and Josiah Chauncy Esq'r be a Committee to prepare the said Answer—Voted—That the Assessors be Directed to Postpone making the Town Rate untill the General Court shall finally Determine respecting the above mentioned Petition—Voted—To Adjourn for the space of four weeks

March 31st 1783 Being Assembled according to Adjournment—Voted—That the Committee appointed to make answer to the Petition of Nathan Dickinson and others, be empowered to appoint an Agent to Appear in Behalf of the town to make answer to said Petition before the General Court—Voted—that the Answer be Signed by the Town Clerk by order and in behalf of the Town—Voted—That the Committee be empowered to Draw money out of the Treasury to Pay the expence of the Agency

Attest JACOB MCDANIEL Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 10th 1783

M'r Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Treasurer—

Voted—Cap't Eli Parker D'n Eleazer Smith, Martin Kellogg, L't Joel Billing and Tho's Hastings Jun'r Select-men—Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r and Elisha Smith Assessors—Voted—Stephen Cole, John Field Jun'r and Ephraim Kellogg Constables—Voted—Timothy Clapp, Josiah Warner, Simeon Clark Jun'r Enos Coleman, Timothy Green Jun'r Giles Church, and Reuben Cowles Tithingmen Voted—Enos Dickinson, Noah Smith, L't Noah Dickinson and L't Ezra Rood Wardens—Voted—Josiah Warner, Moses Cooke, Simeon Peck, Samuel Hastings, Timothy Green Jun'r, Daniel Kellogg Jun'r surveyors of Highways—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Nath'll Coleman and John Billing Fence viewers—

Voted—L't Tho's Hastings Sealer of Leather—

Voted—John Billing Surveyor of Lumber—Voted—John Field Jur Aaron Billing, John Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood and Benj'a Smith, Hog reeves—Voted—To repair the Highways by a Rate and to Grant sixty pounds for that Purpose—Voted—To give three Shillings p'r Day for work Done at the Highways in Summer and two shillings p'r Day for work Done in the fall.—Voted—That the Highway Rate Committed to the Surveyors the last year be committed to the Surveyors the present year—Voted—Josiah Warner, Moses Cooke, Sim'n Peck Samuel Hastings, Timothy Green Jur and Daniel Kellogg Jur Collectors

Attest ELISHA SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 7th 1783

M'r Jacob McDaniell was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

Voted—That Elisha Smith, John Lee and Stephen Cole be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Jonathan Warner and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on Monday the Seventh Day of April AD. 1783—The Votes for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r—twenty eight

For the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r—Nineteen

For the Hon'ble Joseph Hawley Esq'r—two

The Votes for a Lieut. Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r Three—

For the Hon'ble Azor O-ne E q'r—thirty eight

The Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)

For the Hon'ble Joseph Hawley E-q'r —Nineteen

For the Hon'ble John Bliss E-q'r—twenty nine

For the Hon'ble John Hastings Esq'r—Nineteen

For David Smead Esq'r—Seventeen

For the Hon'ble Timothy Danielson Esq'r Eleven

For the Hon'ble Caleb Strong E-q'r—Thirteen

For the Hon'ble Samuel Mather Esq'r—Eleven

For the Hon'ble Noah Goodman E-q'r —Two

For Gideon Burt Esq'r Three

ELEAZER SMITH } select men
Attest THO'S HASTINGS JUN'R } of
MARTIN KELLOGG } Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jnr Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 13th 1783

——— ———was chosen Moderator—Voted—That En's John Nash, Moses Dickinson E-q'r and Capt Eli Parker be a Committee to settle the Line between Amherst and Hadley—Voted—That Capt Eli Parker Moses Cooke and L't John Field be a Committee to Preambulate the Line Between Amherst and Leverett—Voted—To Grant the west street their Proportion of School money to be by them used to employ school Dames—

Voted—To Grant Maj'r Nath'll Peck leave to Build his fence on the Bank of the River to secure the west end of his L-d—Voted—That Dea'n Edwards L't Tho's Hastings and L't Joel Billing be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Simeon Pomeroy and report what is proper to be Done respecting the same

Attest

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 16th 1783

D'n Eleazer Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted, To accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Perambulate the Line between Hadley and Amherst; and t the same be recorded as follows (viz)

B ginning at the B y-road at a Stake and Stones, thence North 12 deg East 670 rods to a heap of Stones, thence North 8 deg 15 min East 144 rods, to a Black Oak t ee marked W M—thence North 8 deg E t 10 rods, to a Stake on the South side of M'r Parsons's lot—thence North 11 deg 30 min east 197 rods, to a Pine Stubb, thence North 13 deg east 93 rods, to S r e Staddles; thence North 8 deg east 336 rods, to Porters Ditch, thence North 13 deg east 370 rods to a Stubb by the river, th nce North 11 deg east 380 rods to Sunderland Line

Voted—To accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Perambulate the Line Between Leverett and Amherst, which is as follows (viz) That the Line between Leverett and Amherst runs East three Degrees and forty five minutes North, which in general is agreeable to the old marked trees; said Line examined from Mohawk-Brook to Shutesbury, at a Stake and Stones—

Voted, M'r Elijah Baker be a Member of the County Convention to be convened at Hatfield October 20th 1783—Voted—that the Select men take such care of Moses Hawley and family as they think necessary—Voted—To grant thirty Pounds for the Support of Schools

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 19th 1784

M'r Ebenezer Boltwood was chosen Moderator

Voted, To allow three Shillings P'r Day for work Done at the Bridges in sum-

mer and two shillings per Day for work Done in the fall

Voted—That Zacheriah Hawley may take up a Note that lies against him in the Treasury with an Order he has upon the Treasurer and a Bill he has against the Town; if said sums are sufficient to Pay said Note

Voted—To Grant the sum of forty five Pounds to make up three months Schooling in each School house and other past expences

Voted—To Grant a sum sufficient to Pay a Note given to L't John Field by the town Treasurer in behalf of the Town and Payable in October next

Voted, to Allow the Bills as read and Corrected

Voted. That the Assessors Assess the Several Sums Granted on the Inhabitants of the Town

Voted, That Simeon Strong Esq'r Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r and L't John Field be a Committee to Petition the General Court for Abatement of the fine laid on the Town for not sending a Representative

Voted—That the Treasurer call on the Constables to Pay the Debt Due to the Heirs of the Late Rev'd David Parsons for Salaries; as soon as may be

Attest EBEN'R BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 22d 1784

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and Treasurer

Voted—Joel Moody, Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r, Enos Dickinson, Stephen Smith and M'r Ebenezer Boltwood, Select men

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Enos Coleman and Elijah Baker Assessors

Voted, Thomas Hastings Jun'r and Noah Smith Constables

Voted—Moses Cooke Jun'r Timothy Handerson, Joel Dickinson, Joseph Pettis, Ebenezer Eastman, John Eastman, Oliver Clapp, and Joseph Williams Tythingmen

Voted—Gideon Dickinson Jun'r Martin Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood, David Cowls, Enos Coleman Nathan Dickinson Jn'r and John Lee Surveyors of Heighways

Voted—L't John Field, M'r Daniel Cooley, David Trowbridge, M'r Eben'r Boltwood Calvin Rich and L't Noah Dickinson Hog reeves

Voted. Gideon Dickinson Jun'r Martin Kellogg, Samuel Boltwood, David Cowls, Enos Coleman Nathan Dickinson Jun. and John Lee Collectors of Taxes

Voted—Simeon Clark Jun'r, L't Noah Dickinson, Oliver Cowls and Elijah Baker Wardens

Voted—Oliver Cowls and Enos Coleman, Fence viewers

Voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Lumber

Voted L't Thomas Hastings Sealer of Leather—Voted, that the Assessors issue their Warrants to the Collectors to enable them to Collect the Highway rate Committed to them the last year—Voted—To allow three shillings per Day for work Done in the Summer and two shillings per Day for work Done in the month of September and one shilling and six pence for work Done in the fall after September—

Voted—To Grant the sum of seventy Pounds to repair the Heighways the present year

Voted—To Discharge Enos Ralf from Paying the Town Taxes in the Constables hands against him

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 5th 1784

The Votes for a Governor were as follows—viz—

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq'r thirteen

For the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r twenty one

The Votes for a Lieutenant Governor were as follows viz—

For the Hon'ble Azor Orne Esq'r sixteen
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r eighteen
Votes for Senators for the County of Hampshire were as as follows (viz)
Timothy Danielson Esq'r twenty
Caleb Strong Esq'r—twenty six
Samuel Mather Esq'r—nineteen
John Bliss Esq'r forty
Noah Goodman Esq'r two
M'r Eben'r Boltwood three
John Hastings Esq'r twenty three
Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r eleven
Joseph Hawley Esq'r twelve
Ezra Rood one
John Billing three
Simeon Dickinson one
John Ingram one
Ruggles Woodbridge Esq'r four
David Smead Esq'r three
Simeon Strong Esq'r five
Martin Kellogg one
Josiah Warner one
Gideon Handerson one
Noah Smith two
Oliver Cowls two
Luke Coffeen one

JONTH'N DICKINSON J'R
EBEN'R BOLTWOOD
Attest JOEL MOODY
ENOS DICKINSON
STEPHEN SMITH
} Select Men of Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 5th 1784

Nath'll Dickinson was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

Voted—that John Billing, Cap't Eli Parker, Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Joseph Dickinson and Moses Cooke be a Committee to Build a Town Pound

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JUN'R Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 10th 1784

L't John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—That Moses Dickinson, John Billing and Moses Cooke be a Committee to Confer with the Select men or Committee of the Town of Belchertown in order to settle the Line Between said Towns—and report at some future meeting

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 18th 1784

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted, That the Town will Indemnify Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r and Elisha Smith respeiting the Action Commenced against them by Hezekiah Belding—Voted—To Choose a Committee to make Defence against the before mentioned Action—Voted—That Simeon Strong Esq'r L't John Field and Capt Eli Parker be the Committee aforesaid—Voted—That the Treasurer be Directed to receive into the Town Treasury so much Paper money of the New Emission as L't Aaron Dickinson hath collected for Town Taxes; and that the Town will make recompence to Said Dickinson for all Losses he hath necessarily Sustained, by means of Losses in collecting Taxes, Provided Said Dickinson return into the Treasurers Office Such Notes as he hath against for the same Sum or Sums as he gave for them

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JUN'R Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Nov'r 15th 1784

Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—That the Select-men Set up Six Schools within the town four of which to be in the places they usually have been kept in, and the other two in Such places as the Select men think fit

Voted—To Grant thirty Pounds to maintain the Schools and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same

At a Legal metlng of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Janua'y 3d 1785

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—To accept the Bills as read and corrected and the Assessors are empowered to Assess a Sum on the Inhabitants of this Town Sufficient to Pay the Same—

Voted—To allow Six Shillings p'r Hundred feet of two inch Oak Plank and five Shillings p'r Hundred for inch and half Oak Plank—Voted—To Grant the sum of thirty Pounds for the support of Schools —Voted—That the Schools be kept three months in each part of the town where Schools are kept

Voted—That Capt. Eli Parker, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r and Moses Cooke be a Committee to examine the Petition of John Billings and others and report what is proper to be Done

Voted—That the Assessors be empowered and Directed to Assess the sum of one hundred pounds on the Inhabitants of this Town for the Payment of a Note given to L't John Field in behalf of the Town

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JUN'R Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 28th 1785

M'r Eben'r Boltwood was chosen Moderator

Voted—Elisha Smith an Assessor—Voted—that the Assessors Assess a Sum Sufficient to Pay the Bills exhibited by D'r Cutler—Voted—To Grant the Sum of Six Pounds in Addition to the Bounty of the Commonwealth to any Inhabitant of this Town, who shall Kill a Wolf within Ten miles of Amherst meeting House, or taking the track of a Wolf within said limits, shall pursue and kill the same in any place whatever

Attest EBEN'R BOLTWOOD Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 14th 1785

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk and D'n Seth Coleman Treasurer

Voted—Joseph Church, Noah Smith, Elisha Smith, Jonathan Dickinson Jn'r and En. John Nash Select men—Voted—Joseph Church, Elisha Smith and Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r Assessors—Voted—Stoughton Dickinson Surveyor of Shingles—Voted—Barnabas Sabin and Simeon Clark Jn'r Constables—Voted—Oliver Clapp, Eben'r Eastman, Josiah Warner, Stephen Smith Timothy Green Jn'r and L't Aaron Dickinson Surveyors of Highways—Voted—Elijah Dickinson, D'n Simeon Clark, Timothy Handerson, Joel Moody, Stephen Cole and David Blodgett Jun'r Tythingmen

Voted—Jonathan Moody Jn'r—John Ingram 2d and Simeon Dickinson Wardens—Voted—Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather—Voted—Samuel Boltwood and L't Joel Billing Fence Viewers—Voted—William Clapp, Jonathan Barnes Zacheriah Hawley, Eleazer Cowls, Moses Cooke and John Morton Jn'r Hogreeves

Voted—That Hogs yoked and Rung according to Law may run on the Commons from the middle of May to the middle of August

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JN'R Moderator

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Qualified according to the Constitution to Vote for a Governor &c April 4th 1785

The Votes for a Governor were as follows—viz—

For the Hon'ble John Worthington Esq'r—Sixteen

For the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r Nine

His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r—Two

For the Hon'ble Azor Orne Esq'r—Ten

For the Hon'ble Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r Two

The Votes for a Leiutenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r —thirty two

For the Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esq'r —one

For the Hon'ble Benjaman Lincoln Esq'r —two

For the Hon'ble Azor Orne Esq'r— one

For the Hon'ble John Worthington Esq'r —six

The Votes for Senators were as follows (viz)

For David Smead Esq'r Eleven

For John Hastings Esq'r Ten

For Noah Goodman Esq'r—eight

For John Bliss Esq'r—twenty three

For Timothy Danielson Esq'r—Ten

For Caleb Strong Esq'r— wenty eight

For Warham Parks E q'r—thirteen

For Moses Bliss Esq'r—twenty

For Doct'r Eben'r Hunt—seven

For M'r John Williams—three

For Simeon Strong Esq'r—five

For Nath'll Dickinson Esq'r—three

For M'r John Nash—five

For M'r Jonathan Arms—three

For M'r John Billing—three

For M'r Phinehas Stebbins—two

For M'r Caleb West—two

For Samuel Mather Esq'r—four

JOSEPH CHURCH
NOAH SMITH
Attest ELISHA SMITH
JONATHAN DICKINSON JUN'R
JOHN NASH
} Select men of Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst April 4th 1785

Ensign John Nash was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant the Sum of Seventy Pounds to repair the Highways and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same on the Inhabitants of the Town—Voted—To allow three shillings p'r Day for work Done at the Highways from the first Day of May to the first Day of October and one Shilling and Six pence for work in the fall—

Voted—Cap't Eli Parker, John Billing and Moses Dickinson a Committee to endeavour a Settlement of the Lines between Belchertown, Pelham and Amherst and that they report to the Town—Voted—To accept the list of Jurors—Voted—Asahel Moody, D'n Elezer Smith Moses Dickinson be a Committee to view the Lands Petitioned for by Elijah Hastings and Daniel Cooley and report what is proper to be Done

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 2d 1785

Noah Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow to John Field Jun'r the Rates committed to him to Collect of Josiah Chauncy, Isaac Chauncy, Moses Chauncy and Lemuel Root unless he shall have opportunity to Collect them of said Persons abovenamed—

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Highway Petitioned for by Elijah Hastings and Grant the same to him on Condition that said Hastings give his security to the Treasurer of the Town within one month for the Payment for the same at the rate of eight Pounds tor an acre

Voted—To Discontinue that part of the Heighway Petitioned for by Daniel Cooley and Grant the same to him on Condition that said Cooley give his security to the Treasurer of the Town, within one month for the Payment for the same at the rate of eight Pounds for an acre

Voted—That the Select men and Treasurer have a Discretionary Power to call into the Treasury the monies Due to the Town on Notes of hand

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 16th 1785

Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—unanimously not to consent to a Division of the County of Hampshire

Voted—That Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r John Billing and M'r Eben'r Boltwood be a Committee to make answer to the Peti-

tion presented to the General Court for the Division of the County aforesaid

Voted—That in Case a Division of said County should be obtained the Inhabitants of this Town request to belong to the south part of the County

Attest ELISHA SMITH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst October 13th 1785

D'n John Billing was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant forty Pounds for maintenance of schools

Attest JOHN BILLING Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 9th 1786

Joseph Church was chosen Moderator

Voted—to allow the Bills as read and corrected, and to empower the Assessors to assess a sum sufficient to Pay the same —Voted—to Grant eight Pounds ten Shillings to support the schools—Voted—That the Town of Hadley and annexed to the Town of of Amherst will Refer the matters contained in a Petition signed by John Field and others lately Prefered to the General Court (Praying that their Lands Lying in the first Division of Hadley inner Commons may be Disannexed from the Town of Amherst) to Arbitrators mutually to be chosen by Committees appointed by each of said Towns, which said Committee shall have a Discretionary Power to appoint the time and Place for said Arbitrators to meet, and Conduct the Business relating to Said Petition in Behalf of said Towns in the same manner as Individuals might Do in References Depending between Party and Party

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r Cap't Eli Parker and En'sn John Nash be a Committee for the abovementioned purpose—Voted—To Allow Nathan Dickinson Jun'r the sum of one Pound one shilling and eight pence money paid by him for a Continental Soldier—Voted—To Discharge the Rev'd M'r Parsons's Heirs from Paying a Tax assessed on them Dated September 18th 1781 for the sum of five Pounds four shillings—Voted—To Allow a reasonable reward to those Persons who built the schoolhouse in the Northerly part of the Town on the road leading to Sunderland—Voted—To Direct the Select men to lay a Town Road from the road leading from Eben'n Eastman's to Kelloggs Mill, to the road leading from Maj'r Peck's to Leverett—Voted To all[ow] Six Shillings p'r hundred feet of two inch Oak Plank and four shillings and six pence p'r hundred feet of inch and half Oak Plank. Voted That Timothy Green Jun'r be paid his Bill for work at Highways by monies Due on the Highway Rate and that the Assessors issue their Warrant to Collect the same—Voted—To allow two shillings and eight pence p'r Day for work Done at Bridges

Attest JOSEPH CHURCH Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 6th 1786

Leiut John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk

Voted—Doct'r Seth Coleman Town Treasurer

Voted—D'n Elisha Smith, Cap't Moses Cooke, Joseph Church, Joseph Eastman Jn'r and M'r Ebenezer Boltwood, Select men

Voted—Cap't Moses Cooke, D'n Elisha Smith, and Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r Assessors

Voted—Stephen Smith, John Eastman and Daniel Kellogg Jnr Constables

Voted—Stephen Cole, Cap't Eli Parker, Elijah Dickinson, Joel Moody Andrew Kimbal Jn'r Elijah Elmer and Moses Hastings Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of Taxes

Voted—Samuel Hastings, Timothy Handerson, Simeon Cowls, Edward Smith Simeon Dickinson Jn'r and John Eastman Tythingmen

Voted—E'n Elijah Hastings, Moses

Cooke and L't Noah Dickinson—Wardens

Voted—William Clapp, Israel Dickinson, Timothy Green Jnr. David Warner Andrew Kimbal Jnr and David Ingram—Haywards

Voted—Jacob McDaniell, Oliver Cowls and Timothy Green Jn'r Fence viewers

Voted—Joseph Church Surveyor of Shingles and Clapboards

Voted—L't Thomas Hastings, Sealer of Leather

Voted—To Grant the sum of seventy Pounds to repair the Highway

Voted—To Allow three shillings p'r Day for work Done at Heighways from the first Day of May to the first Day of September and two shillings p'r Day in the month of September and one shilling and six pence afterwards

Voted—That Hogs yoked and ringed according to Law may run on the Commons from the Middle of May to the Middle of August

Voted—To Build a Schoolhouse in the Northeast part of the Town

Voted—That Elijah Baker, Josiah Warner and Enos Dickinson be a Committee to build the same

Voted—John Billing, Eleazer Smith and Jacob McDaniell be a Committee to examine the State of the Treasury

Voted—to accept the following report of the Select men for laying out a road from the road which leads from Ebenezer Eastman's to Kellogg's Mill, into the Road by Jonathan Howard's House, said Road is laid out three rods in width till it comes to the top of Pine hill, then two rods wide to the road leading by Howards house—Described as follows—

East 87 rods on Amariah Dana's North line to a Town road—then East crossing the abovesaid town way 4 rods to a Stake and stones it being a Corner of David and Eleazer Cowls Land—them East 1 deg 30 min North on the abovesaid, Cowls Land 24 rods to a stake—then East 24 deg south on Eben'r Eastman's land 17 rods and 12 links to a stake and stones, then East 13 deg North on said Eastman's land 8 rods to a stake and stones; then East 28 deg North on said Eastman's land 16 rods to a stake and stones, them easterly to a white Oak, then East 11 deg North 16 rods to a white Oak, then East 5 deg 30 min North 10 rods to a stake; then East 28 rods to the road North of Howard's—the line between Eleazer Cowls, David Cowls and Ebenezer Eastman to be the Centre of the road

Attest JOHN FIELD Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst April 3d 1786

Votes, for a Governor were as follows (viz)

For his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq'r twenty three

Hon'ble Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r eleven

Hon'ble John Hancock Esq'r one

Votes for a Lientenant Governor were as follows (viz)

For the Hon'ble Nathaniel Gorham Esq'r twenty three

His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq'r seven

Votes for the Senators were as follows (viz)

For Timothy Danielson Esq'r thirty two

Caleb Strong Esq'r forty three

John Hastings Esq'r thirty three

Oliver Phelps Esq'r forty one

William Shephard Esq'r seventeen

Simeon Strong Esq'r three

Samuel Mather Esq'r three

Attest JOSEPH CHURCH, EBEN'R BOLTWOOD, JOSEPH EASTMAN JN'R } selectmen of Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst April 3d 1786

Joseph Eastman Jnr was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Select men

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst May 1st 1786

L't John Field was chosen Moderator

Vated—That Simeon Strong Esq'r be requested to Continue the Action brought by the Executors of the Rev'd David Parsons Dec'd against the Town untill August Term—

Voted—To Direct the Treasurer to Collect the Debts Due to the Town from individuals as soon as he can by Law—

Voted—L't Moses Rowe, John Billing and L't John Field a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by Martin Kellogg and report to the Town what is proper to be Done respecting the same

Voted—That Martin Kellogg and Moses Dickinson Esq'r be Joined to the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst May 1st 1786

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r and Cap't Eli Parker Delegates to meet in County Convention to take into Consideration the expediency of a Division of the County or any alterations as to the places of holding the Courts and Register's Office in said County

Voted—That the Treasurer be Directed to Pay Elisha Porter Esq'r his Demands on an Execution he hath against the Town

Attest NATH'LL DICKINSON JN'R Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst June 12th 1786

D'n Elisha Smith was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Discharge Nath'll Dickinson Jn'r late Treasurer of this Town from all Demands against him as Treasurer and said Dickinson hereby Discharges the Town from all Demands against them as Treasurer—Voted—That each Surveyor expend the money Committed to him within the District he is ordered to repair—Voted—That upon either of the Surveyors of Highways for the year 1786 presenting his Rate Bill to the Town Treasurer and Certifying on the same that the whole sum committed to him has been by him collected and expended in repairing that part of the Heighway committed to his care, or a part thereof being collected in Labour with a Sum of money amounting in the whole to the sum Committed to him To Direct the said Treasurer to receive such rate bill so executed as above or a part in money as above Described and give the Surveyor presenting the same a Discharge therefrom—Voted—The Select men a Committee to find how much is Due from the Town to the Heirs of the Rev'd David Parsons Deceas'd—Voted—That L't Moses Rowe Cap't Moses Cooke and Eben'r Mattoon Esq'r be a Committee to view the Land Petitioned for by L't Zebina Montague and report to this meeting—Voted to adjourn to friday 16th inst at three of the Clock in the afternoon, being met according to Adjournment—Voted—Cap't Jonathan Dickinson, Major Mattoon and M'r Isaac Goodale a Committee to view and Apprise the Land Petitioned for by Martin Kellogg—Voted—to Discontinue that part of the Highway hereafter Described and Grant the same to L't Zebina Montague he giving security to the Town Treasurer for Payment for the Same at the rate of fifteen Pounds P'r acre on or before the first Day of May next; said Lands are Described as follows—viz—Beginning at the North west corner of said Montagues shop and runs east 19 deg 30 min North ten rods, thence east 5 deg north 14 rods and 12 feet thence East 26 deg South 14 rods and 11 feet—thence south four feet—thence west 37 rods and 3 feet adjoining Moses Warner's north Line—containing one Acre and fourteen rods

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 7th 1786

Major Eben'r Mattoon was chosen moderator—Voted To reconsider the vote

passed the last meeting Directing the Treasurer to Postpone Collecting the town Debts, and that he be Directed to Collect them immediately agreeable to a former vote of the Town respecting the Treasurers collecting the town Debts without Delay

Attest Eben'r Mattoon Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst July 13th 1786

M'r Eben'r Boltwood was chosen Moderator—Voted—That Cap't Eli Parker, Moses Cooke and Isaac Goodale be a Committee to Apprise the Land Petitioned for by Titus Stevens

Voted—To Grant the Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pounds to Pay the Debts Due to the Heirs of the Rev'd David Parsons Deceas'd and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the Same

Attest EBEN'R BOLTWOOD Mod'r

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Jan'y 1st 1787

Cap't Moses Cooke Jun'r was chosen Moderator

Voted—To allow Six Shillings for two inch Oak Plank and five Shillings for inch and half Oak Plank

Voted—To allow the Bills as read and corrected, and that the Assessors be empowered to Assess a sum on the Inhabitants of the Town sufficient to Pay the same

Attest

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst January 12th 1787

M'r Daniel Cooley was chosen Moderator

The following Petition was read and passed; and thereupon ordered that the Moderator send an attested Copy of the same as the General Court for their consideration at their next Sessions

The Petition is as follows, to wit—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in their present Sessions—A Petition

Wherein your Petitioners the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Humbly Sheweth—That your Petitioners being Deeply affected with the Calamities and Distresses that attend and embarrass the Good People of this Commonwealth; your Petitioners being sensible that there are many things in the transactions of our Publick Affairs that have a Direct tendency to involve the Common People in a State of Slavery and Poverty without some speedy relief.

Your Petitioners therefore think it their Duty and Do encourage themselves in presenting this their Petition to your Honors for relief in the following Articles all which we apprehend are within your Honors power to redress—The Existance of the Court of Common Pleas; a grievance as all matters cognizable before may be brought to a final Issue by a Jury of 12 men Drawn out of the Box by order of a Justice—The General Court Sitting in Boston—a Grievance—as there is an undue influence upon the Members by the Merchants and other Inhabitants of said Town, together with many other Diversions by attendance to Trade, and much noise and Claims stretched, likewise as eatables are much Dearer at the second or third hand —The Grants made to the Officers of Government—far beyond their Deservings or the Principles of the Constitution and the Peoples abilities to Pay—The Present mode of Paying State Securities without any Description between the original Owners and those who purchase them—The present appropriation of the Excise and Impost money; as it ought to be improved to answer the Demands of the foreign Debt—The late great Tax imposed on the People for far beyond their abilities to Pay under their Distressing circumstances together with the speedy collection of the same—The present mode of Taxation, as it operates unequally between Poles and Estates, and the Mercantile and Landed Interest a grievance—The want of

a sufficient Medium of Trade to prevent the mischiefs arising from a scarcity of money, a Grievance. To which your Petitioners add their most fervent Desires that your Honors would Repeal the Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus likewise the Riot Act; the continuance of those Acts your Petitioners apprehend will be greatly subversive of the Constitutional Protection of the good People of this Commonwealth—Your Petitioners request your Honors to empower the Select-men of the Several Towns in this Commonwealth to effect the whole matters of Licencing Innholders and Retailers, likewise the registering of Deeds in every Town—That the Treasurer of each Town be empowered to collect the Excise money —The often Sitting of the Court of Sessions, a Grievance, as we think one session of said Court in a year would Serve to all intents and purposes—We likewise Pray your Honors to send to all the Towns in the Commonwealth to Know their minds with regard to the Revisal of the Constitution as your Petitioners apprehend great improvements may be made upon the same—That the Settlement of Estates or all Probate matters be accommodated and settled in each Town, as it will be a vast saving to the Fatherless and Widows—To all which your Petitioners beg leave to suggest, that the gratifying the above requests will be a happy means to prevent a strenuous movement of the western Counties to be formed into a separate State—all which is humbly submitted to your Honors Candor and Wisdom—as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

by order

The forementioned meeting being assembled January 12th 1787 made choice of John Billing, Cap't Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq Martin Kellogg and E'n John Nash to Draught the foregoing Petition and adjourned to the Wednesday following when being met according to adjournment the same was read and accepted and ordered to be Recorded in the Town Book of Records

Attest DANIEL COOLEY, Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst March 26th 1787

M'r Zebina Montague was chosen Moderator

Voted, Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk—Voted—D'r Seth Coleman Town Treasurer—Voted—L't John Field, D'n Elisha Smith, M'r Eben'r Boltwood, Joseph Church and Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Select men—Voted—D'n Elisha Smith, D'n Seth Coleman and D'n Hezekiah Belding Assessors;—Voted—Zebina Montague, Daniel Cooley, Elijah Baker David Blodgett and Solomon Boltwood Wardens—Voted—Capt'n Moses Cooke Major Eben'r Mattoon, Simeon Clarke Jun'r E'n Joseph Pettes, and D'n Hezekiah Belding. Tythingmen—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Stoughton Dickinson, Gideon Parsons, David Blodgett, Eleazer Cowls, Simeon Clarke Jun'r Surveyors of Heighways—Voted—Joseph Eastman Ju'r and Enos Cowls Constables—Voted L't John Field and L't Noah Dickinson Fence Viewers—Voted—Gideon Dickinson, Stoughton Dickinson, Gideon Parsons, David Blodgett, Eleazer Cowls, and Simeon Clark Jun'r Collectors of the Heighway rate—Voted—Joseph Church, surveyor of Shingles—Voted—D'n Elisha Smith Sealer of Leather—Voted—E'n Elijah Hastings, Levi Cooke, David Cowls, Nath'll Edwards and Eldad Moody and L't John Field Haywards—Voted—Jonathan Dickinson Jun'r Packer of Beef—Voted—To grant the sum of Seventy Pounds to repair the Heighway and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same—Voted—To allow three Shillings p'r Day for work Done at Highways from the first Day of May to the first Day of September and two Shillings p'r Day in September and October and one Shilling and six pence the remainder of the year—Voted—To Grant to Isaac Hubbard Six Pounds for

killing a grown Wolf and the Assessors are empowered to Assess the same—Voted, that Hogs yoked and rung according to Law may run on the Common from the first Day of May to the first Day of September

Attest

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst on the first Monday of April A D. 1787

Voted for Governor as follows—viz,

His Excellency James Bowdoin Esq'r thirteen

The Hon'ble John Hancock Esq'r eight

Voted for Lieutenant Governor as follows, viz, the Hon'ble Benjamin Lincoln Esq'r twenty two—

Voted—for Senators as follows—viz

For David Smead Esq'r Seventeen

William Shephard Esq'r Nineteen

Caleb Strong Esq'r twenty one

John Bliss Esq'r twenty one

Oliver Phelps Esq'r four

John Hastings Esq'r one

JOHN FIELD
EBEN'R BOLTWOOD
Attest ELISHA SMITH
JONATHAN DICKINSON J'R
JOSEPH CHURCH
} Select men of Amherst

Nath'll Dickinson Jun'r Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst May 14th 1787

M'r Daniel Cooley was chosen Moderator

Voted—To relinquish to Isaac Hubbard a Town Tax against him and committed to Stephen Cole to collect, he having paid the same or Similar Tax in another Town—Voted—To empower the Select men to give an order to Isaac Hubbard to Draw Six Pounds out of the Town Treasury for his killing one grown Wolf—Voted—to accept the List of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen—Voted—That the Select men be empowered to give an order to Stephen Smith to Draw Seven Shillings and Six pence out of the Town Treasury for removing a Poor Family to Sunderland—Voted—That the Town Tax which should have been committed to Daniel Kellogg Jun'r be committed to the Constables for the present year and the Assessors are Directed to Issue their warrants accordingingly

Attest DANIEL COOLEY Moderator

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst August 13th 1787

The votes for a Register of Deeds for the middle District in the County of Hampshire were as follows

For Solomon Stoddard Esq'r thirty eight

For Eben'r Hunt Esq'r two

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst Oct'r 15th 1787

L't John Field was chosen Moderator

Voted—To Grant fifty Pounds to Support Schools

Voted—to keep the Schools the ensuing year

Voted—that the east School in the middle, shall have one month more than the others to make up what they wanted of their proportion the last year

Voted—that each District or School shall have a sixth part of the [sum] that is granted for the Support of Schools

Voted—To choose a Committee to Instruct our Representative

Voted—That D'n John Billing, Martin Kellogg, L't Moses Rowe Elijah Baker, Moses Cooke Cap't Eli Parker and Joseph Dickinson be the Committee aforesaid

Voted—to Adjourn to friday the 19th instant at three O'Clock P. M. then to meet in this place

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Amherst Oct'r 29th 1787

Cap't Eli Parker was chosen Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting unto the 12th Day of November next

Nov'r 12th 1787. Being met according to adjournment—

Voted—to Sell some part of the Town Heighway—Voted—That the Heighways

North and South shall be in no place less than Six rods wide where they are now so wide—Voted---That the Committee act Discretionary as to the width of the Cross Highways—Voted—To choose a Committee to Dispose of said Highways or any part thereof as they think proper—Voted —Cap't Eli Parker, Moses Dickinson Esq'r Simeon Strong Esq'r L't John Field M'r Daniel Cooley, Joseph Church, Josiah Warner, Enos Dickinson, and Noah Smith be the Committee aforesaid—Voted —To allow the People in the Northeast part of Amherst, eighteen pounds, in Case they shall build for the Town such a School house as is built in the Northwest part of the Town—

Voted—To Abate to L't Ezra Rood the Rates that were made against him when in Northampton Goal—Voted—To Discharge L't Ezra Rood from all other Rates in the Constables hands against him provided he give a Note to the Town Treasurer for the same sum on interest, for the use of the Inhabitants of this Town

Attest ELI PARKER Moderator

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst January 14th 1788

Joseph Church was chosen Moderator

Voted—to adjourn to Monday next at one of the Clock afternoon then to meet at the first Parish meeting house—being met according to Adjournment—

Voted—to accept the Bills as read and corrected and to empower the Assessors to Assess a Sum of money on the Inhabitants of this Town sufficient to Pay the same—Voted—six shillings P'r hundred feet for two inch Oak plank and five shillings for inch and half Oak Plank—Voted —three shillings P'r Day to the Assessors—

Voted—three shillings P'r Day for work Done at Bridges and three shillings and four pence P'r Day for Hewers of Timber—

Voted—two shillings P'r Day to each of the Committee appointed to Ascertain the Town and County Heighways—Voted —To Adjourn to the Seventh Day of February next at one of the Clock afternoon then to meet at the first Parish meeting house—Being met according to Adjournment—

Voted—To allow thirty Pounds for Building the schoolhouse in the north east part of the Town—

Voted—To Abate to Nath'll Dickinson 2d the rates he had to collect against Daniel Cheney, Enos Rolph and William Moores—Voted—To abate to Thomas Marshall the whole of the rates Due from him to the Constables of this Town not by them collected—

voted—To choose a Committee to proportion the money that may arise from the sale of Highways to each Parish in this Town—Voted—That D'r Seth Coleman Col. Eben'r Mattoon, D'n John Billing, L't Zebina Montague be the Committee aforesaid

Attest JOSEPH CHURCH Moderator

[THE END].

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